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Some Spots in County Are Dry; Combining Now

Although some scattered parts of Lancaster County are dry, hot weather has brought corn and tomatoes right along, Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat reports today.

Haymaking is generally in full swing throughout the Garden Spot, although work is somewhat slow in the northern parts of the County where damp weather has slowed work

Cherry picking is underway throughout the County, and the bulk of the strawberry crop has been picked and packed

Barley, Oats Combining

Combining of barley started Tuesday, and winter oats will be combined starting next week

Mr Sloat warns that pink aphids and green peach aphids are very heavy at this time, and spraying is urged in tomato and potato fields

Severe wind struck parts of the County Saturday night, with a little rain. Rain was heavier in the southern end of the County, according to Bernard N White, in charge of the Lancaster Weather Bureau Office. A brief windstorm struck again Sunday night.

Cooler Weather Due

Parts of the County reported a little shower Tuesday night, with .05 of an inch reported in some places. Temperatures have been ranging above normal for the month, at least one degree, Mr. White added. Precipitation in Lancaster has totaled 2.77 for the month to date against a normal 2 81.

Cooler weather is moving in, and the five-day forecast indicates lower tempeartures Thursday and Friday, warmer Saturday, cooler again by Monday with showers and thunderstorms, totaling one-half to one inch, over the weekend.

Sessions Underway On Migrant Workers

Sessions are extending through today for the Migrant Worker Staff Orientation Conference of the Eastern Region, who are familiarizing themselves with activities of nearly 1,000 migrant workers who will be employed in Lancaster County this summer.

Meetings are being held in the Evangelical and Reformed Theological Seminary in Lancaster, with the county's new chaplain, the Rev. Donald E. Smith in charge. County chairman is Mrs. R Morris Weaver, Millersville.

16 Sail for Germany Under Pax Program

Sixteen young men sailed Monday for Germany where they will start alternative work projects in lieu of military service. Victor A. Olsen, former Manheim Township resident, addressed the group Friday at the Mennonite Central Committee headquarters, Akron.

Sunday evening a farewell service of consecration for the young men was held at Metzler's Mennonite Church.

Heavily Laden Cherry Branch

Despite frost, hail, wind and other vagaries of weather, the Lancaster County cherry crop this year is tops, sweet, sour — delicious. Here is a heavily loaded branch on the farm of H. L. Shank near New Danville. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

4H, FFA Meet In Workshop, Tour Co-Ops

Sixteen Future Farmers of America and Four-H Club members last night attended a meeting that is preliminary to attendance at the 28th summer meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation.

This annual event this year will be at Raleigh, N. C., July 30 to Aug. 2.

Topic of last night's meeting at the Farm Bureau Auditorium in Lancaster was "How Farmers Can Organize to Do Business." A tour of Lancaster County cooperatives is also being made.

Attending were representatives of all cooperatives in Lancaster County, Four-H and FFA leaders. George M. Myers, secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmers Cooperatives spoke.

Named for the workshop were Dean Hoffer, R3 Manheim; Glenn L. Porter, R1 Washington Boro; John D. Eshleman, R1 Willow Street; James L. Hastings, R2 Kirkwood; Kenneth Garber, R1 Willow Street; LeRoy Esbenshade, Esbenshade Road, Lancaster; C. Kenneth Young, R1 Mount Joy; Dale L. Shirk, R1 Quarryville; Lloyd Denlinger, R4 Lancaster; Carl Metz, Lampeter; Mervin H. Bare, Witmer, C. Eugene Groff, R1 Ephrata, Donald Rafferty, R1 Mount Joy, Robert L. Deppen, R1 Marietta; Richard Ober, R1 Mount Joy; Kenneth W. Watts, R1 Elizabethtown.

Cherry Picking Headlines Season's Activities on H. L. Shank Farm

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Pickers, by the thousands, are working this week on the excellent cherry crop produced along historic Conestoga River in Lancaster County by H. L. Shank.

Before the season ends, towards the last of next week, some 9000 or 10,000 pickers may go home with 60 tons of white and dark sweet cherries, and the tangy red pie cherries.

It's been 20 years since Mr Shank, now nearing 72 years, began his popular pick-them-yourself program. And already, the day before the Tuesday opener pickers were in there pitching, checking in through the weighing stand at the highway entrance, leaving after paying charges by weight.

Covered Bridge of 1836

Some of Mr. Shank's orchards lie west of New Danville, others back of his residence along the New Danville pike north of town on the way to Lancaster. All in all, they cover some 125 acres of historic Lancaster County farmland, and some overlook historic Second Lock Bridge in a field aptly named Second Lock Ridge.

Second Lock Bridge dates back to 1836, and, Mr. Shank, an able historian, related the 308-foot structure, longest covered bridge in the County, cost $3,800 when built. "It is well preserved, and should stand another 100 years," Mr. Shank, told, adding that maintenance by the County is exceptional

His neighborhood, where cherry picking is the leading item today, dates back much farther than that. His people arrived there in 1727, and in the ensuing years, the region around the covered bridge was one of the busiest in this section. Location of the lock on the Conestoga Canal helped much in the early-day prosperity of this section.

Fruit Production 50 Years Ago

Some of the cherry trees still producing are 30 years old. People from miles around, from Lancaster and adjoining counties, come by car and truck, containers rattling empty as noisily as some of the many devices Mr. Shank uses to discourage invasion by crows, blackbirds, robins.

Flashing pieces of tin hang from trees, but the caw-caw-caw of the crow grows into more of a vociferous complaint from aloft when a shotgun blast interrupts his feasting, or when a cherry bomb or two-inch Fourth of July salute impresses him that he is doing wrong.

"It's a battle with the birds," Mr. Shank told "I use artificial owls, and the crows respect them. Blackbirds and robins don't' he added. Use of firecrackers is restricted, because the birds soon get used to the racket.

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Wool Incentive Set At 44.9 Per Cent

Some wool growers, USDA reports, are still under the impression that under the incentive payment program it makes no difference what they sell their wool for, and that the government will make up the difference between their individual price and the 62-cent incentive level.

July 1 Date For Transfer At Landisville

By Ernest J. Neill

July 1 will be the official transfer date of the new Pennsylvania State University experimental farm north of Landisville where Tuesday some 20 persons toured small grain plots and heard reports from experts in the field.

Dr C. S. Bryner, agronomist in charge of the plots, planned the meeting for farmers and seed growers where it was disclosed the new Dual winter wheat seems best adopted to Lancaster County growing conditions.

Produced at Purdue, Dual is the first winter wheat developed that shows great resistance to both leaf rust and Hessian fly. Results are still unknown fully, the visitors were told, but yielded two to five bushels more than Pennoll on experimental farms at University Park.

Grain Studied

During the morning sessions, seed certification inspectors studied grain diseases, the appearance of weeds in plots on the Landisville station Weeds were indentified, as well as the particular strains of wheat, oats and barley

Most of the new varieties of winter wheat produced in the United States are now in test plots at Landisville, and all varieties of barley grown in the world are on test at State College.

Discussions were conducted on Tetra Petkus rye, and there are several selections of Ken Bar—developed at the University of Kentucky and released simultaneously with Kentucky U by the Pennsylvania State University—that are promising, but not yet ready for release.

Leconte and Dubois winter oats, the group was told, do best in Lancaster County.

Seeding Rates

One of the top topics of the day was seeding rates to produce early fall pasture "That's where Dual works best," the group was told.

At University Park last year, varying rates of nitrogen were applied in the spring, and it was found addition of the fertilizer made growth too rank, with yields of 61.3, 53 3 and 56 3 bushels per acre, to average 57. Dual did not do so well at Lancaster County plots, yielding 47.3, 47.1 and 47.2, still averaging 52.1 in two years at both stations.

"The only varieties doing better are some still very much in the experimental stage," the experts advised.

Tetra Petkus comes later in the spring for pasture, and can outyield wheat for grain. In oats, both Dubois and Leconte promise satisfactory yields. Dubois is the better for general use, Leconte better for straw, but is not as hardy Canadian selections, as Ken 8, the Dayton variety from Ohio and the Kenbar are also under test.

Late September Planting

In a seeding date of 2½ bushels per acre, satisfactory yields

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ILLINOIS PEACH CROP UP

Prospects of a 920,000 bu. peach crop this year will be about far above yields last year, the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service in Springfield advises. The 1956 crop is still about 58 per cent below the average for the last 10 years.

Hogs 50 Cents Lower; $17.50 Top Sparingly; Steers Move Lower

David S Lorensen,
Reporter

Lancaster June 28—(Wednesday to Wednesday Review)—

CATTLE 3979, week ago 4909 Compared with last Wednesday slaughter steers steady to 50c lower, heifers steady to weak Cows 25-50c lower Bulls fully steady Stockers and feeder very slow since farmers in local area extremely busy with farming operations The week's supply comprised of around 40 percent stock steers mostly 400-750 lbs and about 10 percent cows Heifers in very small supply, balance mainly good and low prime slaughter steers Bulk choice fed steers this week 1000-1300 lbs $20 00-21.25, high choice and mixed choice and prime sold freely from $21 50-22 00 several loads to near 1400 lb prime steers $22 50 Good grade steers mostly $18 75-19 75 some standard including 900-1150 lb Holstein steers $17 50-18 50. Good and choice 680 to 870 lb fed heifers $17 50 19 50 Utility and commercial cows $12 00-13 50, a few standard grade to $14 50, canners and cutters $9 25-13 00 Utility and commercial bulls $16 00-18 00 a few good fed bulls up to $19 50 Several loads and lots medium and good 400-750 lb stock steer yearlings and calves $17 50-19 50, a few Monday to $20 00 Common stockers $13 50-16 00 some 600 lb Holstein steers down to $12 75 A few lots medium and good 900-1050 lb partly fattened feeding steers $17 75-19 00

CALVES 844 week ago 853, Veal calves slow, all weak, around $1 00 lower than last Wednesday Bulk good and choice 130-210 lbs $19 00-22.00; high choice and prime $22 50-25 00, utility and commercial $14.00-18 00 culls down to $10 00 or below

HOGS 1434 week ago 1649 Compared with last Wednesday barrows and gilts weak to 50c lower, sows 25-50c off In Wednesday's trade bulk barrows and gilts U S mixed 1-3, 180-240 lbs $17.00-17 50 about 50 head mostly No 1 and 2 at $18 00 Weights 160-180 and 240-270 lbs largely $16.00-17 00 Sows all weights $11 00-12 50

SHEEP 607, week ago 707 Supply mainly native spring lambs Quality of the offering rather plain Prices about steady with last Wednesday Bulk good and choice 65-85 lb native spring lambs $18 00-22 00, a few choice and prime to $24 00, utility grades down to $16 00 Aged sheep too scarce for an adequate market test

PORK PRODUCTION OFF

Pork production, in a seasonal decline, is falling at a faster rate than it did at the same time in 1955, slaughter data from leading packer centers show, according to the Corn Belt Farm Dailies In the past six weeks inspected packers at major centers butchered a total of 5,442,874 hogs, a cut of 929,714 head or 14 6 per cent from the 6,372,588 slaughtered the preceding week

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Heads USDA Office

Kenneth F. Grizzell

Coming to Lancaster from Montgomery, Ala this week is Kenneth F Grizzell, new district supervisor of the Lancaster District office, Packers and Stockyards branch of the agricultural marketing service of the USDA He succeeds Frank G Fitzroy, named in February as president of the Baltimore Union Stock Yards

Broiler Prices Gain 1.75 Cents on Thursday; Receipts Somewhat Low

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown, Pa) (Sales Report, Sale 157, Thursday, June 21, 1956) — Prices advanced rapidly Thursday on the sale of 20 lots totaling 38,375 broilers that averaged 22 16, a full cent and three-quarters above the preceding Tuesday. Prices ranged from 21¼ to 22¼ One lot of heavy fowl, 300 head, sold at 19¼, two lots totaling 2400 Leghorn fowls sold at 17½ and 17¼ cents and 500 capettes in one lot sold for 24 cents. There were 24 lots, 39,975 birds listed and 25 lots, 42,975 offered, with 24 lots, 41,575 sold.

In the two sales during the week ending June 23, 1956, a total of 35 lots, 78,255 birds were offered, 34 lots totaling 76,855 sold, with a range of 20½ to 22¼ cents on broilers, averaging 21 33 For the corresponding week a year ago, the two sales to June 25, 1955 had 53 lots, 137,790 birds offered, 46 lots totaling 122,490 sold, with broilers bringing 26½ to 29 cents, averaging 27.75

Thursday Sales

Here are Thursday sales listed by lot number (each preceded by 21-), seller with grower indicated in parentheses, amount and breed, age by weeks and days, buyer and price

1, Bolton's Hatchery, 1000 New Hamp fowl yearlings, no sale, 19¼ bid, 2, Bolton's Hatchery (Edwin Mögel), 2000 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Carl B Risser, 17½, 3, John V. Erb, 4000 Indian Rivers, 9-2, to Victor F Weaver, Inc, 22¼; 4, Robert H Barr, 1300 Red Vantress, 10 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 22¼, 4, Robert H Barr, 1200 Red Vantress, 10 wks, to Roy E Ream, 22¼,

6, Benjamin F Lapp, Jr, 500 White Rock capettes, 12-2, to Walter C Mellinger, 24, 7, C. Richard Landis, 300 New Hampshire fowl yearlings, to Leola Poultry, 19¼, 8, S M. Fisher, 4000 Indian Rivers, 10-3, to Meader's Poultry, 22½, 8A, S M Fisher, 2500 Indian Rivers, 10 wks, to Pennsylvania utch Farms, 22; 9, Caleb K. Hershey, 400 White Vantress, 10-2, to John N Thomas, 22¼; 10, Harvey M. Zimmerman, 4500 Red Vantress, 10-6, to College Hill Poultry, 22¼;

11, Titus H. Hoover, 400 White Vantress, 9-2, to Walter C Mellinger, 21¼, 12, Ira B. Landis, 1700 New Hampshire cockrels, 9-4, to Roy E Ream, 21¼; 13, Miller & Bushong (Roy Harnish), 6200 Indian Rivers, 10 wks, to Harry H Weaver, Jr, 22¼, 14, Miller & Bushong (Roy Harnish), 3500 White Vantress, 10 wks, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc, 22; 15, O Kenneth McCracken, (Raymond H. Miller), 2300 White Vantress cockerels, 8-6, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc, 22;

16, O. Kenneth McCracken (Charles Keagy), 1400 White Mountains, 8-6, to Meaders Poultry, 22½, 17, Willis Good, 400 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Carl B Risser, 17¼, 18, Millport Roller Mills (Jacob A. Stahl), 1100 White Cornish Cross, 10 wks, to Meader's Poultry, 21¼, 19, Lester S. Wenger, 375 White Vantress, 10-2, to aniel K. Good, 22¼; 20, J W. Eshelman & Sons, (Research Center), 850 White Mountains, 9-2, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 21½,

20, Leroy Horst, 400 White Rock Cornish cockerel capettes, 12-2, no sale, 23½ bid; 22, Levi Rohrer, 450 Meatpackers, 11-5, to Walter B. Lehman, 22¼; 23, Edgar M. Martin, 400 White Arbors, 12 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 22; 24, Isaac B. Hoover, 1300 Indian Rivers, 10-6, to Walter B Lehman, 22¼; 25, Harvey M. Zimmerman, 3000 Red and and White cockerels, 10-6, to H. W. Longacre, 22¼.

Egg Production In May Drops; Heat Is Cause

HARRISBURG — Production of eggs on Pennsylvania farms was down for the month of May compared with the same month last year and poultry farmers began to feel a tightening of the cost-price squeeze, according to Federal-State reports announced today by the State Department of Agriculture

Rising costs of poultry feeds were accompanied by lower prices received by farmers for eggs on all poultry except turkeys, the survey showed

The net result, observers said, was a tightening of the margin between profit and loss in the entire poultry industry

Down 4% In Year

May's output of eggs from Pennsylvania farms totaled 307 million or 4 per cent below the same month last year, the Department said The May total was one million below production for April

Both the number of layers and the rate of lay per bird fell short of the May 1955 level Layers, at 16,578,000 declined seasonally from the April estimate of 17,116,000 and dropped 2 per cent below a year ago.

With May temperatures averaging four degrees below normal, the average number of eggs per layer dropped to 18 54 eggs or 2 per cent under May 1955

As of May 15 Pennsylvania farmers were averaging a return of 42 cents a dozen, down three cents from April, but averaged four cents higher than a year earlier.

Average 23 Cents a Pound

Farm chickens averaged 23 cents per pound liveweight or one-half cent below the month previous and 1 5 cents below a year earlier. Liveweight broiler prices at 21 5 cents averaged one-half cent less for the month and 3 cents for the year.

The liveweight turkey price climbed from 38.0 cents for April 15 this year and May 15, 1955 to 39.0 cents. This is the highest mid-month average price since February 1954. Sharply higher feed costs lowered the turkey-feed ratio despite the increase in turkey prices

Farmers Stocking Meat-Type Chicks

HARRISBURG — In preparation for the coming picnic and outdoor chicken barbecue season, Pennsylvania farmers are stocking up on meat type chicks which they will grow into broilers and fryers in 10 to 12 weeks.

Hatchery placements of broiler chicks reached an all-time weekly record during the week ended June 2, the State Department of Agriculture announced following a special survey. Placements totaled 984,000, up 154,000 from a week before and compares with 687,000 placed on farms during the same week last year.

Total hatch for the week came to 1,159,000. Non-broiler chicks totaled 313,000.

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Cherries On Second Lock Ridge

Rolling hills along the Conestoga form a scenic setting for cherry trees on the farm of H. L. Shank Here the orchard is armed for the onslaught, the thousands that are pouring in for the pick-them-yourself program Ladders are in readiness, the trees bending low with fruit. Weigh in, weigh out, pay accordingly. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

13 Steers Killed On Sprayed Pasture

Thirteen steers died early last week on the farm of Lester High, R1 Denver, on a pasture that had been sprayed earlier with an arsenical weed killer.

Harry S Sloat, associate Lancaster county agricultural agent, warns that sprays such as this can be dangerous up to two months, and much care must be used to prevent livestock from coming in contact with vegetation where chemical residue remains.

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LIVE POULTRY

PHILA JUNE 27—Market unsettled. Heavy volume of carried stocks with light current arrivals made supplies in excess of the fair but very selective demand Large white rocks pullets 30-31c. Large white rocks caponettes 26-28c ordinary quality 23-25c crosses 25c without clearing Cross rocks fryers straight cockerels 18-20c silver crosses 25c white rocks 24-26c mixed 21-23c vantress reds 23-25c. Light type broilers 18c No 2 quality mixed 18c down to 10c to clear Turkeys weak Demand light for excess supplies. Mixed breeders 18-23c without clearing.

Receipts June 26 included Md 23000 lbs Del. 11000 lbs Va 8000 lbs.

Wholesale selling prices No 1 and fancy quality broilers light type 3 lbs 18. Broilers or fryers heavy type 3-4 lbs 18-26. Pullets 4½ lbs and over 30-31. Hens heavy type 16-23 light type 15-18 Old roosters 11. Ducks pekins 26-28

EGGS

PHILADELPHIA JUNE 27—Market steady to firm Demand good. Top quality supplies were generally sufficient for current requirements but, in some quarters, orders for large whites were cut down as supples shortened. Into storage movement light. Small-lots of current receipts sold mostly at 31c

Wholesale selling prices minimum 10 pct AA quality large 45-48 lb white 39-41? brown 39-40, medium white 33½-34, brown 33-33½. Extras, minimum 60 pct A quality large 45-50 lb white 37½-38, mixed 37-38, medium white 32½-33. Standard 32-33, checks 30-32.

Receipts June 26—5,000 cases all by truck

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were obtained when planting was between Sept. 10 and 15. Later, three bushels are recommended Tests made on Sept. 22 plantings used two two and one-half and three bushels per acre.

"Dubois is a little hardier and has yielded a little better than Leconte over the past several years," it was reported.

Thomas R. Terrill is director of the laboratory at Landisville, the new farm being formely owned by William K. Risser family who still occupies the stone residence, which at a later date will be converted into offices for the staff.

Formerly a tobacco farm, many changes must be made to convert the farm into an experimental station. Little nitrogen has been needed by the soils, under results of tests, and the lowest test was on phosphorus. Rotations used include corn, tobacco, hay and hay, with Pen Scott Clover and orchard grass being used as hay crops.

Best Barleys Listed

Of the 88 acres, 75 are tillable.

Among those in attendance were Dr. B. F. Coon, Penn State entomologist; Elmer Piper of the extension service.

Dr. Briner advised the best barleys for this included Wong, Kenbar and Hudson. And, he added, there are major promising varieties of oats from Canada and England.

Crops at the station are maturing quickly in the small-grain division, and Mr. Terrell advises combining will start within the week.

Martic Township Ends Bangs Sign-Up

Martic Township now becomes the 25th Lancaster County township to complete sign-up of at least 75 per cent of all herd owners for testing for brucellosis under the area initial plan.

Of the 81 herds in the township, 77.7 per cent have signed or are under test. Paul H. Herr, R2 Holtwood, was chairman of the sign-up committee.

Only three townships south of the Lincoln Highway — Eden, Lancaster, and Pequea, remain unsigned.

Monopoly in Meat Packing Said Fantastic

Following is a comment by the American Meat Institute on testimony by E F Forbes of the Western States Meat Packers Association, before a Senate sub-committee in Washington today

"Any idea that monopoly could exist in the meat packing industry or could be developed by any group of companies is fantastic and Mr. Forbes knows it.

"It is our understanding that Mr. Forbes claims that his membership does 70 per cent of the meat business of the west. It appears from his testimony that he would like to build a wall around the west to keep out competition in the sale of meat and the purchase of livestock With modern transportation by rail and truck, meat packers in many states are able to do competitive business in the far west and they are doing it. This is advantageous to consumers in that area, as well as to livestock producers inside and outside the area.

"Monopoly in this industry would be impossible to accomplish because there are about 4,000 plants scattered around the country which every day are buying livestock and selling meat and these plants are sharply competitive in both operations. Last year, some 130 new plants were opened or being built largely in newly developing livestock-producing areas.

"As for branded or graded meat, consumers can get federally graded meat if they want it; or, if they desire it, they can get meat graded and branded by experts of meat packing companies in which they have confidence. Nobody is trying to break up grading or branding systems. We suggest, however, that consumers should not confuse federal meat grading with marks indicating veterinary inspection for wholesomeness. The two are entirely different."

RAM TOPS SALE, $725

Thirty-one rams averaged $275 in the first production sale of the spring at Green Meadows Farms, RD Bareville June 19, with a top of $725 paid for a ram by Mrs. Amy Wilson of Texas. Jack Judy, representing Ohio State University, paid $675 for a ram lamb.

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CLOUD SEEDERS SIGNED

There are numerous drought disaster areas designated in the United States at this moment. In Missouri, and Iowa a contract has just been signed and generators put into action to see if rain can be squeezed or wrung from the clouds.

Eight counties are cooperating and expense is estimated to be $52,000, under a 12-month contract. Vaporized silver iodide crystals are propelled from a generator to the clouds where a chain reaction would be set off.

Cost per farm is estimated at two cents per acre, far below first estimates of six cents per acre.

Officials of the Iowa Missouri Weather Modification Organization (IAMO) say the Water Resources Development Corp. of Denver calls the operation "Cloud seeding. with the possibility of increasing rainfall 40 per cent."

Lancaster County has been fortunate, compared to those who have had to live and suffer with drouth the past few years. Fortunately there is not need yet for such a move in this section of the country, for which we can be rightfully thankful.

AMAZING, IT IS

It wonders one—who is a recent newcomer to the Garden Spot—what a wonderful spot the Garden Spot is yet. Arriving late in July, the heat and drought (it was called) prevailing then seemed comparatively wonderful to the hnmidity and heat and dryness left behind

Summer finally blossomed and faded into harvest; the snappy nights of fall painted the trees amazingly colorful hues. The nip of winter was not so bad, but it was strange to see snow so effectively curtail traffic. Out west, roads have been elevated on grades many places to permit snow to blow away Drifting is more prevalent there, with clear spots between. But here there was snow in a solid blanket everywhere.

Spring came and went quickly, but there were blooms enough for more than one county. Summer's here, the roses are in bloom, pastures are green and abundant. Some minor mishaps have occured cropwise, but prospects are good.

Couldn't one but look outside and say all's peace with the world?

MACHINERY AND HIGHWAYS

This is the season when it's necessary to move farm equipment along highways. It's dangerous business, demanding constant care. It's so easy for a fast moving automobile to overtake a slower running tractor or team, and occasionally, unfortunately, tragic accidents occur.

Farm Safety Week is coming up July 22-28. But there's no reason in the world why farm safety shouldn't be practiced day and night. Especially must be heeded this warning from the Farm Safety Chief in the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Instruction:

"Obey highway rules and signs and use proper headlights at night. Whenever possible, keep off the highways at night with farm machinery."

MEASURING MOISTURE

There's a heap of moisture in crops, and scientific measurement today is piling up some interesting statistics. Pennsylvania State University reports 53 tons of chopped alfalfa and clover of 40 per cent moisture content were dried by a tiered duct mow drying system. In order to reduce the moisture to a safe storage level of 20 per cent, 13 tons of water had to be removed from the mow.

Seventy two tons of chopped forage with a moisture content of 38 per cent yielded nearly 19 tons of water. A gallon of water weighs approximately eight pounds, hence the hay above yielded about 3,250 gallons of water, the silage a thousand gallons more.

For more amazing figures, you might check on the number of gallons that fall on an acre of land during a one-inch rain!

50 Years Ago

This Week on Lancaster Farms

50 YEARS AGO (1906)

By JACK REICHARD

Pennsylvania agriculture organizations were interested in the report of an Ohio agriculture society, which gave prizes to persons raising the most and best stuff on a quarter acre in 1905 The contestant awarded first place came up with this score Ninety hills of sweet corn Between the hills of the sweet corn were grown 12 hills of squash, 87 poles of butter beans, 45 hills cucumbers, 27 tomato vines and 33 hills lima beans The next row contained beets, radishes, salsify and carrots, while the next were green parsley, lettuce, parsnips, celery, peas and string beans.

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Sunflowers Introduced In Iowa

During the season of 1906 sunflowers were grown in the state of Iowa for the first time in a five-acre tract. The seed was planted with a corn planter and cultivated the same as corn The grower had contracted the entire crop to a seed house for from $1 75 to $2 per hundred The seed was used as stock food and was fed to parrots

Abraham H. Ebersole, employed on the Cassel farm, near Marietta, Lancaster County, was killed in the harvest field. Two mules hitched to the wagon on which Ebersole was standing became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the young man off. A doctor was summoned and pronounced Ebersole had died from a crushed chest.

Pony Devours Young Turkeys

A pony belonging to Lancaster farmer Parke Lutz, near Denver, devoured eight young turkeys before being caught in the act The pony was left in an orchard to pasture and was beginning on the ninth turkey when Lutz came along and called a halt.

A news dispatch one-half century ago reported the forming of an offensive and defensive agricultural organization known as the Poultry Vigilance Association. "Strange enough", stated the report, "the news for this did not arise in Texas, Missouri or Kentucky, where chicken stealing is by some classes considered an art, but in prosperous north Iowa." The purpose of the organization was to detect and punish chicken thieves, with a standing reward of $50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any guilty party

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Farmwife's Method Of Preserving Eggs

A western farmwife who had given the method a test declared that fresh eggs may be effectively sealed so as to keep them from late summer to the following spring by simply placing them in a wire basket and submerging in a kettle of boiling water for ten or fifteen seconds and then quickly removing. She explained the process cooked a very thin layer of albumen, which hermetically sealed the egg and insured its keeping properties.

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David Bricker, of Lititz, who had been in Cuba for several years managing a large tobacco plantation, had arrived in Lancaster County, 50 years ago this week, and announced that he would not return to the island.

Back in June, 1906, a motor survey showed there were 23 automobiles in Elizabethtown, the largest number in Lancaster County outside the city and Columbia.

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25 Years Ago

25 YEARS AGO (1931)

Farmer R Leaman, a Lancaster Farmer of Columbia R2, caused the arrest of Jack R Wilders, of Lancaster, on a charge of breaking into a garage in the city and stealing the automobile of S. E Cargas, a tailor. Wilders asked if he could store his car in the barn Leaman, becoming suspicious, asked to see Wilder's driver's license and he replied that he had none After Wilders left the farm Leaman went in pursuit and reported the case to police.

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Willow Street Butcher Shop Burns

The butcher shop owned by William Hilderbrand, along the Willow Street pike, was destroyed by fire together with several smaller buildings, including a garage, woodshed and chicken house Two automobiles in the garage also were burned. The Lampeter, Willow Street and West Willow fire companies responded and prevented the blaze from spreading to the dwelling house. An overheated stove was believed to have caused the fire.

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Dr. Stephen Moulton Babcock, prominent scientist, aged 87, was found dead at Madison, Wis., 25 years ago this week. Babcock invented the standard buttermilk testing method which became the foundation of the dairy industry throughout the world.

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Morris Levy, prominent Lancaster tobacco dealer, died at his home at the age of 80. For 45 years he was engaged in the leaf tobacco business. The firm was known as Morris Levy & Sons.

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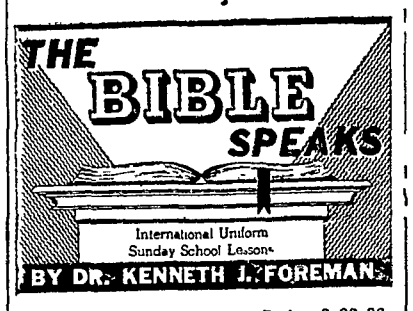
Lititz R3 Woman Struck by Lightning

Mrs. Jonas H. Wikerd, Lititz R3, was struck by lightning while hoeing near her home. Her clothing was ripped, her shoes torn from her feet and one side of her face and body severely burned. She was reported in a critical condition. A son, Paul, who was nearby, was not hurt.

NITROGEN PRICES CUT

Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.'s nitrogen division has reduced the price on nitrogen solutions used in fertilizer manufacturing $4 a ton.



Background Scripture Luke 9 28-36; Hebrews 13 9, 18-25 I Peter 1 1-2, 2 19-25, 2 Peter 1 1-2, 15-18, Jude, verses 3, 17-25
Devotional Reading: Psalm 20

Nine Letters

Lesson for July 1, 1956

THOUSANDS of Sunday schools for the next three months are going to be studying nine short but immortal letters These letters are the forgotten parts of the New Testament, for many people. Out of the 27 "books" of the New Testament, all but five are letters. These nine—from Hebrews to Revelation inclusive—make up about 50 pages or one-sixth of the whole Testament It would be worth the reader's while to make a special study of these letters this summer. Perhaps all the teachers in a Sunday school could chip in and buy a commentary or two.

Dr. Foreman

Letters from . . .

No two people write quite alike All letters bear the mark of their writers even when they are unsigned. So it is with these nine Some of them are signed, some are not. But the writers can be told apart without any trouble. If Hebrews and James were printed together without a break, a high school student should be able to notice the difference between them The writer of the first letter is plainly a highly educated man, a man who is keenly interested in ritual and in the history of the Hebrew people. The writer of the second is less highly educated, but a more practical man all around. Not that his advice is any better, but he loses no time getting down to particular problems The first man is greatly interested in theology, the second is so little interested in it that his letter has worried some people like Luther, for example, who wondered whether it really belonged in the New Testament Or again, comparing Hebrews with the letters of Paul, the reader can see why scholars are for the most part quite certain that Paul never wrote this one. It is obviously written by a different kind of man—one who used a different vocabulary, went at problems differently, constructed a letter differently, quoted the Old Testament in a different way; indeed while all of Paul's letters are carefully signed, Hebrews is not signed at all. . . So one may go through the rest of these letters seeing the writers through what they wrote.

Letters to . . .

Letters vary according to the persons to whom they are written. A woman writing to her mother, her husband, the tax collector and her boy at school will write four different kinds of letters. So these nine letters were written to different kinds of people To be sure, some of them were sent to a pretty wide circle of readers (Peter for instance), but even so, that wide circle had something in common: in this case, suffering and persecution. Is it too much to suggest that the Christians John has in his mind's eye as he writes his letters are much more mature than the Christians to whom James writes his plain advice? Now the interesting thing is that the various kinds of Christians to whom these letters were addressed are matched by Christian types today. That is why one Christian will sometimes get more out of one part of the New Testament, while another Christian finds more meat in another part. And yet for all the differences there are some important likenesses, and the noticing reader will find them.

Letters about . . .

Few if any of these letters, or any others in the New Testament, are about "things in general." They usually speak to some particular problem, situation or trouble. The New Testament does not consist of a series of theological essays neatly arranged by topics. Rather, it consists of fairly short letters speaking to certain specific problems that had been distressing the readers. Some of these problems emerged in more places than one at the same time, just as happens today. In the short passages selected for special study in most quarterlies, two problems are highlighted, as the reader will find: false teachings, and persecution. In these times in which we live, with half the world in a ferment against Christianity, and even in the "Christian" part of the world a bewildering jangle and wrangle of sects and "isms" soap-boxing all over the place—the Christian church threatened by enemies without and "crackpots" oftentimes within, who can call the New Testament's themes out of date?

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Trees, Bending Low With Cherries

Heavy yields of cherries this year — several varieties — are bringing thousands to the Shank orchards along the New Danville Pike just southwest of Lancaster. Here a man is treed, working away, picking the delectable fruit. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Cherry Picking Headlines Work On Shank Farms

(Continued from page one)

"But best of all is the shotgun," this fruit grower continued, "and you know the crow will waste as many cherries, knocking them off the trees, as he eats?"

After hay fields are cleared and mulberries come on, problems with the birds will be lessened.

Fog Cuts Frost Loss

Land on which the Shank cherries are grown is hilly Fog covered the low spots and saved a good share of the crop from frost damage which struck late in the season. But on the higher points of his cherry orchards, yields may be somewhat lower Then there was hail two weeks ago which bruised some of the fruit, but fortunately there was no wind.

Birds, insects, weather — there's many another worry for the cherry grower. Luckily, many are being met. "Through breeding, the problem of cherry leaf virus has been almost licked," Mr. Shank advises.

He has searched afar to plant, and replant his stock. There are cherries from Ontario that will be ready July 4. One of the more lucious is the Emperor Francis from Austria, another that originated in Russia — the Black Russian, which survived the frost wonderfully. Still another variety originated in England.

There's a more universal touch to the program here, for assistance has been given Lancaster County cherry production from Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., from New York State experimental stations at Geneva, from Chico and Davis, Calif., and from New Brunswick, N J. New varieties have been developed by these stations to centralize on compactness of trees, higher quality fruit, heavier, larger size of fruit.

Terrific Expense Involved

Results are more than evident today, when one drives through the orchards with Mr. Shank and compares the old-type trees, rank in growth, heavy in leaf, lighter in production, and the newer varieties that are closer to the ground, whose branches are peppered with fruit.

While the thousands will be picking — on 1,000 stepladders and fruit picking ladders Mr. Shank keeps on hand — there may be echoes of noisemakers and shotguns reverberating through the wooded hills occasionally, to keep the birds away.

There's terrific expense involved in an orchard operation, to keep trees sprayed against the many plagues they face, to keep the soil in topnotch production.

Peaches and apples round out production from Shank Orchards, and the Lancaster County outlook is good in view of the fact that apples were badly frozen in northwestern United States. The Appalachian area expects an 85 per cent crop, and the entire eastern production may be down considerably from last year. Peaches will be ahead of last year, Mr. Shank believes, but he remains convinced that to sell, you must advertise.

"Any product that isn't advertised today just isn't sold," he asserted

Despite increased advertising, prices have remained stable on the pick-them-yourself program, from 20 to 23 cents per pound for the white and dark sweets, 15 cents for the red pie cherries These prices have been in effect for years and years

Crow Glides Overhead

Mr Shank, who has been very influential in Pennsylvania agricultural politics, and who has contributed much to state agricultural legislation and building, still remains modest, hard-working.

While the Shanks concentrate on production of fruit, Lancaster farming goes on about them Across the road tobacco rows were straight and true. Pea hullers shelled out his year's crop.

While overhead, a wary crow glides about, convinced this pick-them-yourself program no longer included him.

Merck Issues New Booklet on Use of

RAHWAY, N J. — A new leaflet of interest to broiler growers who face the danger of coccidiosis has been issued by Merck & Co , Inc., manufacturers of the coccidiostat, Nicarazin.

The eight-page folder explains in dollars and cents the difference a preventative coccidiostat like Nicarbazin can make through effective control of mortality and through its effect on feed efficiency and weight gains. In addition to preventing cecal coccidiosis, a form difficult to detect because it does not cause loody droppings as occur in birds which have the cecal type

The new Merck coccidiostat leaflet for broiler growers is available in feed stores which sell broiler rations carrying Nicarbazin. Copies may also be obtained by writing to Merck & Co., Inc., Chemical Division, Rahway, N. J.

Benson Booed in Iowa Appearance

Irate farmers Friday booed Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson when he spoke before the Farm Family Field Day at Eldora, Iowa last week.

Mr. Benson told the 1956 Soil Bank program is "the best we can do for the farmers on short notice at a late hour. . . . The real test for this program will come in 1957, 1958 and 1959 when we can put it fully into operation"

Farm prices, the Secretary told, have as an average increased about nine per cent since Jan 1, adding, "This increase in farm prices has occured under flexible price supports, even though there has been only a modest application of the flexible principle."

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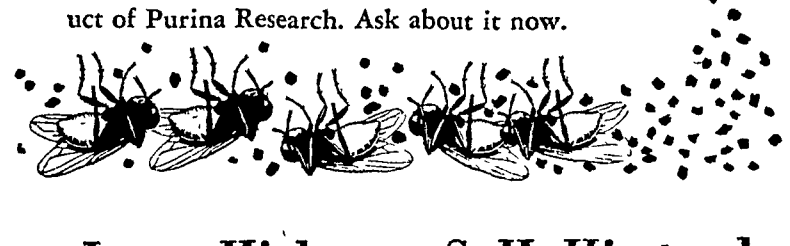

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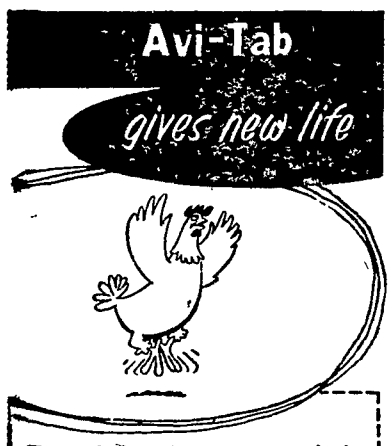

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Henning Seeks Animal Disease Lab in State

ST LOUIS — Dr. William L. Henning, Pennsylvania State Secretary of Agriculture, Wednesday headed a delegation of six from the Keystone State in a bid to locate a proposed new $19 million federal animal research center at or near the Pennsylvania State University at University Park, Pa.

The group presented its case here late Wednesday before a scheduled meeting of the ten-member site selection committee appointed by U S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. Delegations from a number of other states also are to appear during the 4-day meeting of the site committee, including Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. and Ohio State University at Columbus.

Non-Strategic Area

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the Pennsylvania State University, according to Secretary Henning, has expressed desire for location of the research laboratory in the non-strategic University Park area

In addition to Henning, the Pennsylvania delegation included Dr. M. A. Farrell, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University; Dr H. A. Milo, director, Bureau of Animal Industry, State Department of Agriculture; M W. Forsythe, Greensburg, representing West Penn Power Company; Milburn Forth, representing Secretary William R. Davlin, State Department of Commerce; and Eugene M. Fulmer, secretary of the State College Borough Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, David J DelMarcelle, secretary of the Lebanon County Chamber of Commerce, is to speak for a site in that county and R. T. Jones, Allentown, representing Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, plans to offer a site in the Mifflintown area within 30 miles of University Park.

Nuclear Reactor Cited

A point stressed by Henning was the presence of a nuclear reactor in operation at Penn State which could contribute to research on the nuclear value in control of livestock diseases and genetic changes in animal breeding. Dr. Farrell told of new facilities and extensive research in diseases of livestock and poultry already underway at the University Dr. Milo reviewed Pennsylvania leadership in control and eradication of such livestock diseases as bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis.

At the close of the hearings the committee is to select several sites for immediate personal inspection by members.

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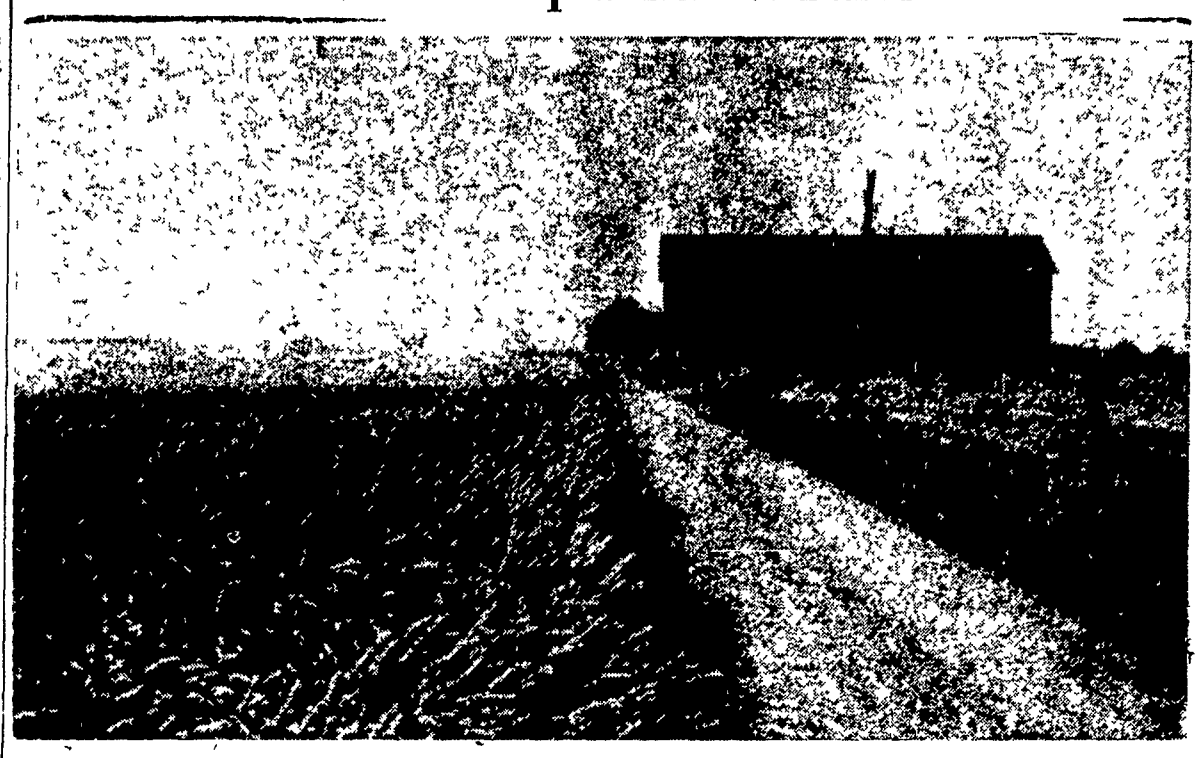

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Farm Crops in State Advance; Soil Is Moist

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farm crops, under favorable weather and soil conditions, during the past week began making up for lost time caused by the late arrival of spring, according to the weather and crop survey for the week ended Monday, announced today by the State Department of Agriculture

Weather was cool at the start of the week but warmed up toward the end. There was adequate soil moisture and all vegetation advanced rapidly. Temperatures were above average for the second consecutive week Thunderstorms were frequent.

Corn Being Cultivated

While field work was restricted in some areas by wet fields, farmers made good progress in cultivating corn, making hay and spraying for weed and insect control Showers replenished soil moisture in areas that were becoming dry.

Harvesting of barley has started on a limited scale in southern Pennsylvania counties. Corn made good progress and wheat is beginning to color and oats are forming heads in the south Cool weather at the start of the week was beneficial to oats, the Department said.

First cuttings of hay are nearly completed in southern parts of the State and getting underway in the north. Yields are reported generally good. Some difficulty was encountered in curing hay cuttings due to showers and cloudy weather. Pastures are generally good and will benefit from recent showers

Good stands of potatoes are reported and growth is satisfactory. Early cobblers are in bloom in the southeastern counties.

Some Cherries Ripe

Setting of tobacco plants is about completed and fields are making a satisfactory start

Harvest of strawberries is declining in the south, well underway in the central areas and starting in northern counties.

A few early sour and sweet cherries are ripe in the southeast Other fruit sized rapidly. Some early beets, broccoli and cabbage appeared on the fresh market,

Row on Row, Ladder After Ladder

One hundred and twenty-five acres of cherries this week are being picked by thousands of Lancaster County, and residents from surrounding counties, who follow H. L. Shank's advice of pick-them-yourself. Empty containers are weighed as customers check in, filled containers weighed as they leave, and charges made accordingly. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

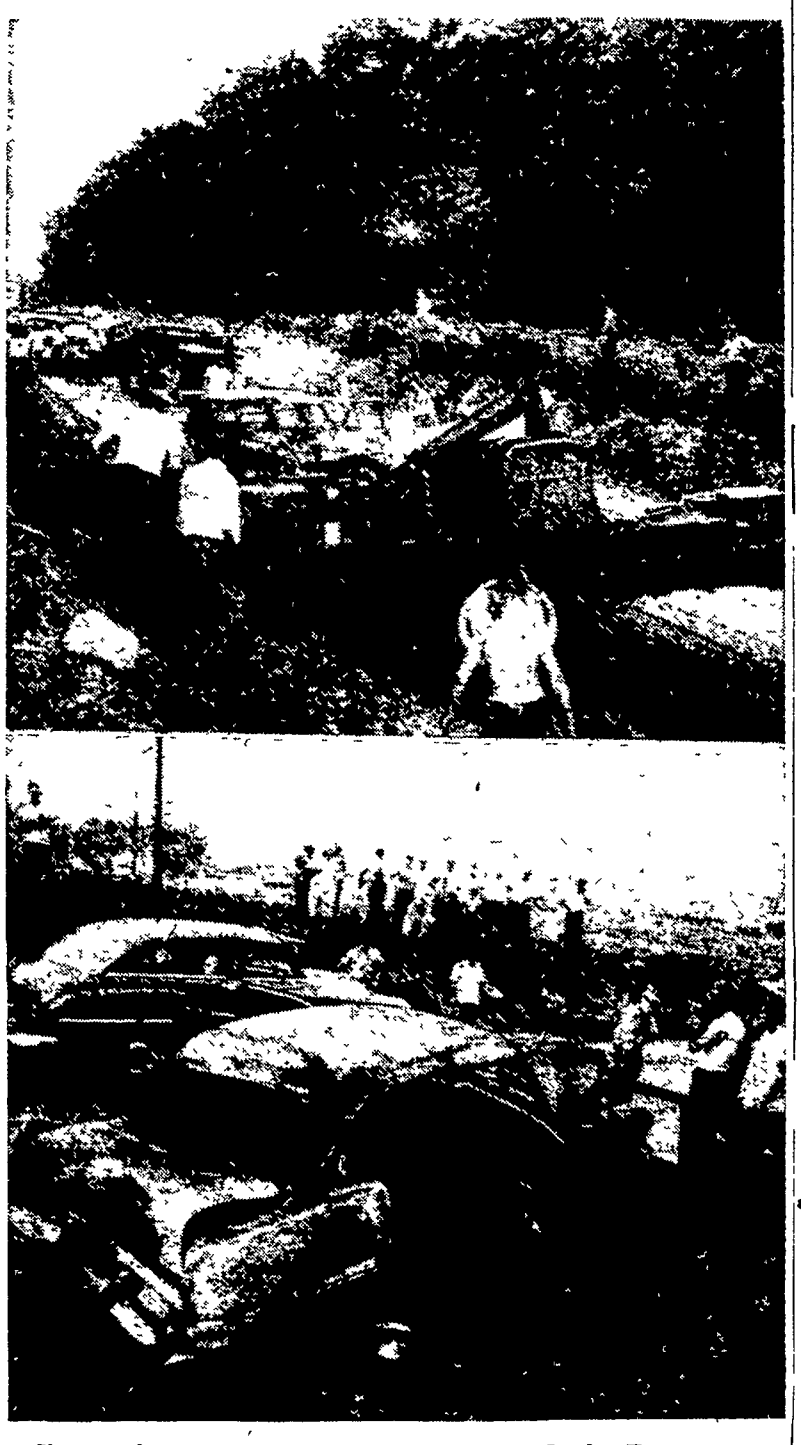
Wards 4H Cooking Club Plans Party, Langs Park, July 25

The third meeting of Ward's 4H Cooking Club was held June 13 at Ward's Bottle Gas in Ephrata Meeting was called to order by Joyce Bixler, vice president of the Club. Twenty-one members were present, also four new members who were enrolled

Plans were made to atend the 4H Field Day July 25 at Lang's Park It was also decided to have a swimming party. Josephine Lausch was appointed to make plans After the meeting, leaders demonstrated ways to make yeast rolls Each member will bring two yeast rolls to the next meeting to be judged by local leaders

Corn bread and chicken salad will be made at the next meeting, 7 p. m July 27 Selected as junior leaders were Phyllis Rutt, Etta Schnader, Joyce Bixler and Josephine Lausch.

Multiple Crash On Rt. 72



Shown above are two scenes following a crash involving three autos and a farm tractor, just below the crest of the hill outside The Buck Four persons were injured in the collision on Saturday afternoon just before 5 p. m.

Pequea Valley, Conestoga Game Monday N ght

An all-star baseball game between the Pequea Valley and Conestoga Valley leagues will be held at 8 30 p. m Monday, July 2, at the Enterprise diamond, New Holland.

The game a first for the two leagues, is expected to draw a good attendance, according to a joint announcement by Lester A Singer, and Wayne Driscoll, presidents respectively of the Pequea and Conetsoga Valley leagues

Players from the Pequea Valley league will be drawn from the participating teams of West Lampeter, Strasburg, Lafayette, UGI of Lancaster, Gordonville, Intercourse, Paradise and Gap

Conestoga Valley players will represent Smoketown, West Earl, Enterprise of New Holland, Blue Ball, Churchtown and Morgantown.

Frankly, we believe a lot of time can be wasted picking bugs out of one's lawn.

Lititz 4H Cooking Club Takes Name Of "What's Cooking"

Lititz 4H cooking club, called "What's Cooking," had its first meeting recently at the home of Mrs Benjamin Sheaffer, club leader. The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Bucher.

Roll call was by Mary Grube, secretary, and each member answered by stating their favorite flower.

Bi-Centennial At Lititz Will Open Thursday

The great cast of "Our Wondrous Land" stage-spectacle, to be presented nightly, June 28 through July 3, at the Lititz Athletic Field is in final field rehearsals under professional direction of Raleigh Tozer, pageant-master with John B Rogers Producing Company.

"Our Wondrous Land," which will be the feature attraction of the forthcoming Bi-Centennial Celebration Week, requires a cast of 400 Lititz people and a 250-foot stage.

Wooden nickels and wooden dimes are circulating well in the town soon to become 200 years old as the speed of planning picks up Arrangements are being completed for the gigantic June 30 float parade by Carl Ready, chairman.

A very close finish is promised in the "Miss Lititz" Queen Contest, with the following candidates Lynn Reidenbaugh, Sylvia Wertsch, Jane Risser, Carol Barber, Vivian Landis, Marian Gerhard, Hettie Stauffer, Joyce Steffy, Joan Snyder and Roberta Frederick

A song was led by Kay Burkholder. Dora Herr led games.

Other officers named are Audrey Graybill, vice-president, and Mary Catherine Garber, news reporter.

During the meeting, club members prepared muffins.

Someone has rightly said that a bigamist is one who loves, not wisely, but too well

Never get the idea that all people have to think alike, act alike and believe alike

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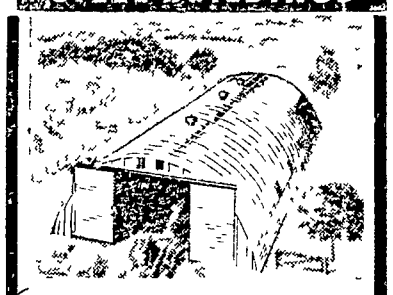

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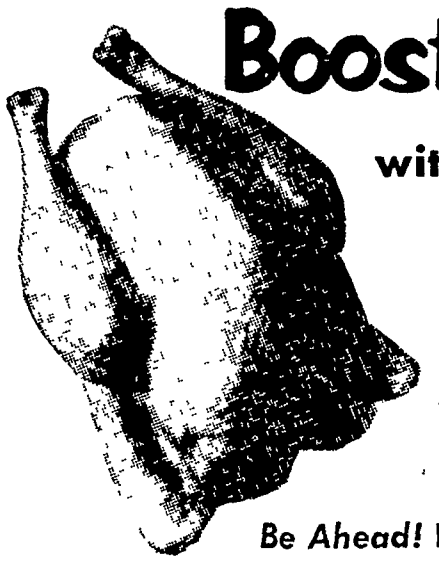

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For the Farm Wife and Family

Mrs. Paul H. Neidermyer a couple weeks ago asked for a recipe for Black Joe Chocolate Cake and such we have this week, several versions from **Lancaster Farming** readers.

To Mrs H. S. Keifer, R3 Ephrata, goes this week's free one-year subscription to **Lancaster Farming** for being the first of those to write.

BLACK JOE

Two cups brown sugar
One-half cup butter and lard mixed
One cup thick milk
One-half cup dry cocoa
One-half cup hot water
Two and one-half cups flour
One teaspoon soda
One teaspoon vanilla
One-half teaspoon salt

Mix together sugar, shortening, cocoa, hot water, then add thick milk Mix the sifted flour and soda, with a little salt, add vanilla and bake.

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Mrs Milton Snyder of R4 Manheim also offers one She writes "I read in the **Lancaster Farming** paper you would like to have a Black Joe Chocolate Cake recipe I have one for almost 50 years Perhaps this is what you want·

BLACK JOE

Two cups sugar
One-half cup cocoa
One cup thick milk
Two cups flour
Four tablespoons butter
One teaspoon soda, dissolved in
One-half cup hot water.

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Here is a Black Joe Cake from a reader on R1 Gordonville.

BLACK JOE CAKE

Two cups brown sugar
Three-fourths cup cocoa
One-fourth cup melted butter
One-half cup hot water
One teaspoon baking soda
One-half cup sour milk
One cup flour
One-half cup sour milk
One cup flour

Mix in order given, beat hard for a few minutes to give fine texture. Bake in moderate oven

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Right now the strawberry season's here—and you know, we found some mighty fancy strawberry pickers down around Nine Points the other day, perhaps the first time a can-can skirt was seen among the strawberry rows picking a box, eating one of the ripe, rich strawberries occasionally. Couple gals from the city tried their hand but figured the plumpness vs labor couldn't offset the waistline resulting from eating. How about it Hilda, Wilma?

Along that line we have a reader at Narvon, R2, who wishes her name withheld, who writes:

Here is a recipe for "Strawberry Preserves" that we got from a neighbor at Narvon.

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

Three pounds granulated sugar
One cup boiling water
Let boil full ten minutes, but not at too high heat.
Then add
Two cups berries
Boil five minutes
Add
One even teaspoon alum
Boil one minute

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"Also thanks a lot for the one-year subscription of **Lancaster Farming.** Never thought my recipe would win," she adds.

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Mrs Clayton S Zimmerman, R2 New Holland, writes.

This is one dollar for the **Lancaster Farming.** We sure enjoy reading it This is a cookie recipe that our family likes very well

OLD FASHIONED MOLASSES COOKIES

One cup shortening
Four cups flour
One teaspoon salt
One cup dark molasses
One cup sugar
One egg
One-fourth cup hot water
One and one-fourth teaspoons soda

Sift flour, salt and cut in shortening. In another bowl combine molasses and sugar, add egg, beat well. Dissolve soda in hot water and add to molasses mixture. Combine crumbs and molasses mixture and stir well Chill dough several hours.

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A card, hastily from our friend, J J. J. Jenks over at Gap chiding us for a couple bobbles, especially on our continuation lines "Can the one at fault be easily contacted? Show him the card."

Our apologies—and we'll try—and the man to blame received the card. You know in the early hours of the morning, when already yet some 15 or 16 hours have been put in on publication eve, weariness takes the upper hand. Come next week, we'll watch more carefully what we're doing.

"Many issues are of different heights I guess one would call it. Looks peculiar when you line them (issue) up," he adds. Our explanation for that is that in the operation of a high speed press, where several pages are folded together and trimmed in a simultaneous operation, variations will occur, and, unfortunately, it's something we can't remedy.

He also rightfully advocates the use of a binder for **Lancaster Farming,** so that earlier issues may be easily referred to.

In the office, we have done something similar Capt. Jenks used a split broomstick. We have two strips of metal, with three holes cut through. Cardboard backing gives stiffness to the volume One strip is underneath with the backing; three three-inch small bolts are inserted, and spinner-type turnbuckle taps are used on the top. Hence it is easy to refer back—and time being somewhat precious in this business, we haven't had time to trim the edges neatly. But it could be done.

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We all enjoy **Lancaster Farming** very much, a letter from Mrs Clifford Hickernell, R1 Reinholds, advises. I look forward for the receipts I like to see and try new things. My father (Robert Kurtz) gets the **Lancaster Farming** but I read it first.

She adds a recipe for

BAKED BEANS

One pound dried pea beans
One-fourth pound bacon
One medium onion
One pint tomato juice
One tablespoon mustard
Three-fourths cup molasses
Three-fourths cup ketchup
Three-fourths cup brown sugar

Soak beans for five hours, then cook till soft. Fry bacon and onion together. Measure all ingredients, put on top of beans and mix well.

I just bake them until they are hot through and through at about 250 degrees.

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Farm Women 18 Conduct Flower Show at Meet

Farm Women Society #18 met at the home of Mrs. Lester H Kreider, 169 Buch Ave, Lancaster, on Saturday afternoon, June 16. Mrs Ben L Greider was in charge of devotions. The president, Mrs. Raymond H Stoner, presided. Members answered roll call by telling their vacation plans The club will have a rummage sale on Aug 3 and 4 at 32 S. Duke St, Lancaster.

A flower show was held at this meeting. Judges were Mrs. Carl H Hoover of Rohrerstown and Mrs. John F Smaling of 723 Farmingdale Road, Lancaster. Winners were as follows:

Miniature Class: 1, Mrs. Ralph S Martin; 2, Mrs. Sterling Elmer Teapot Class: 1, Mrs John Henry Hess; 2, Mrs. Ralph S Martin. Exotic Class. 1, Mrs. Ralph S Martin; 2, Mrs David E Buckwalter Roadside Class: 1, Mrs. Sterling Elmer, 2, Mrs. Edward Wissler Dining Room Class 1, Mrs Ralph S Martin; 2, Mrs. Ben L Greider

There will be a family picnic at Buchmiller Park on July 22 at 12 30 P M The next regular meeting will be Aug. 18 at the home of Mrs Raymond N Miller, 300 Running Pump Road, Lancaster

Potatoes on Nissley Farm

Henry Nissley, R2, Holtwood, one of the largest potato growers in the area, has 38 acres of tubers under cultivation this year. Photo shows a ten-acre patch on the farm now in full blossom along the Rawlinsville-Holtwood road. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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¼ cup butter or margarine
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning
⅛ teaspoon black pepper
1 ready-to-cook young chicken, 2½ to 3½ pounds, cut up.
1 cup uncooked white rice
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup chopped onion
1½ teaspoons salt
⅛ teaspoon black pepper
3 cups hot chicken broth made by cooking backs and neck in water
2 large tomatoes, cut into wedges

METHOD: Light the oven and set at 400°F. Place the butter or margarine in a large all metal skillet, baking pan or baking-serving dish about 12"x 9"x 2". Place this in the oven until the butter or margarine melts. While the butter or margarine is melting, wash the chicken in cold water. Pat dry. Put the flour, 1½ teaspoons salt, paprika, poultry seasoning and ⅛ teaspoon black pepper in a paper bag. Add one piece of chicken at a time Shake bag to thoroughly coat each piece of chicken with the flour mixture. Place the chicken in the hot melted butter or margarine, skin side down. Bake, uncovered, 25 minutes at 400°F.

Arrange rice, green pepper and onion under the chicken, turning the chicken so the skin side is up. Sprinkle the rice with the 1½ teaspoons salt and ⅛ teaspoon black pepper. Slowly pour the hot chicken broth over the rice. Make certain all the rice is under the broth. Arrange the tomato wedges over the chicken and rice.

Return to the 400°F. oven and bake, uncovered, 45 minutes or until the rice is tender. If the mixture becomes too dry, add a small amount of chicken broth or water.

If desired, serve from the dish in which the chicken-rice bakes. This recipe makes 6 servings.

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Summertime Sweetness

Grant Heilman, Lititz agricultural photographer par excellence, has here depicted one of the seasonal delights of Lancaster County, strawberries in summertime. The lucious fruit is now at its peak, and picking is underway throughout the Garden Spot. Round, firm, strawberry red — a bit of sugar, some shortcake — who could ask for more?

Spring-Time

(Katherine Beebe)

Now the days are full of music!
All the birds are back again;
In the tree-tops, in the meadows,
In the woodlands, on the plain,
See them darting, through the sunshine!
Hear them singing, loud and clear!
How they love the busy springtime,
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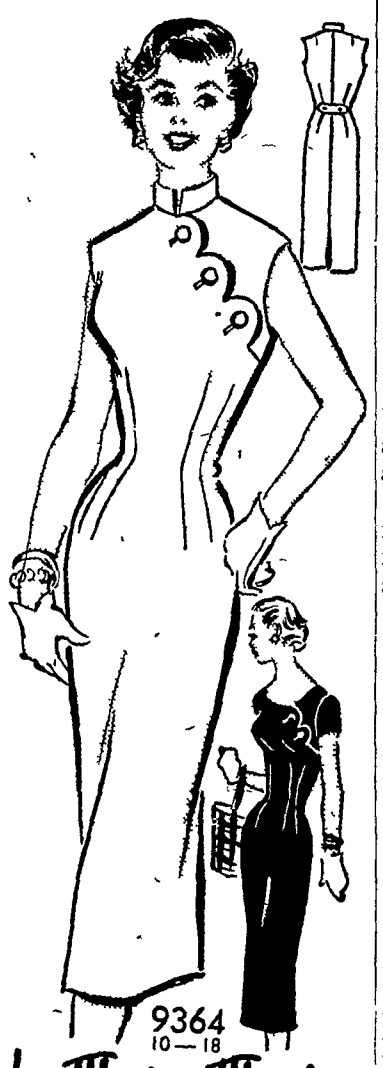

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For Farm Women . . .

(Continued from page eight)

DATE SQUARES

One pound chopped dates
One cup chopped nuts
Five tablespoons flour
Three-fourths cup light brown sugar
Two teaspoons baking powder
One-eighth teaspoon salt
One teaspoon vanilla
Three eggs

Sift dry ingredients in mixing bowl, add eggs one at a time and beat well, add vanilla, nuts and dates

Bake in shallow, greased pan in 350-degree oven about 25 minutes When cool cut in squares

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DATES AND NUT COOKIES

One cup shortening
Two cups light brown sugar
Three eggs
One-third cup sweet- milk
One cup chopped dates
One cup chopped nuts
One-fourth teaspoon salt
One teaspoon vanilla
Four cups flour
One teaspoon soda

Cream shortening, add sugar and blend well. Add beaten eggs, milk and flour that has been sifted with soda and salt; add vanilla, dates and nuts. Drop on greased cookie sheet. Bake 375 degrees F until done.

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Daniel S Berus, R1 Reinholds, who started our Leb Kuchen flurry a few weeks back, writes again:

"Would like to thank you very much for the wonderful response to my request for Leb Kuchen or Leb Cookies recipes Please thank everyone who sent in recipes I ate so many Leb Cookies they are coming out of my ears, but the one I liked best was sent by Mrs. Keifer of Ephrata That is the one I had in mind. It stays nice and soft and has no spices.

P. S, he adds, I also tried Shoo Fly Pie, sent in by Mrs Clarence W Heisey, R2 Manheim. They are very good and everyone should try them.

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That's why we suggest you follow our suggestion and keep a file of recipes from these columns, or better yet, do like our good friends, Capt. and Mrs. J. J. J. Jenks, over Gap way, who suggest keeping a complete file of Lancaster Farming. Why don't you write and tell us how you are keeping your scrap book of recipes from these pages?

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Here, suggests Mr Berus' is an A P. Cake, or a Broad-Way as my great-great grandmother called them:

Two and one-half cups brown sugar
Five and one-half cups of flour
About three-fourths cup butter or lard

Mix like pie dough, till rich. If not rich enough, add a little more shortening. Add

One teaspoon baking soda and
One cup thick milk.

This makes five cakes when you put them in pans and flatten them down, Mr. Berus adds

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From 16 East King Street, Ephrata, Mrs. Benjamin Bear writes I am sending this walnut cake recipe. Maybe some one would like it:

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WALNUT CAKE OR COOKIES

Two cups brown sugar
Two eggs
One cup butter and lard
Three cups flour
One teaspoon soda
One teaspoon cream of tartar
One teaspoon vanilla
One cup walnuts

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For baking times and temperatures, we'll have to rely on the rule of thumb that is well applied in Lancaster County kitchens

DATE PUDDING

One and one-half cup sifted enriched flour
One teaspoon soda
One teaspoon salt
One-fourth teaspoon allspice
Dash cloves
One cup chopped, pitted dates
Two tablespoons shortening
One cup boiling water and pineapple juice
One egg, beaten
One-half cup sugar
One-half cup well-drained crushed pineapple

Sift together flour, soda, salt, allspice and cloves Combine dates and shortening with water and pineapple juice. Beat egg well Add sugar and pineapple, mixing until well blended. Add the date mixture. Add flour mixture and mix until flour is well moistened. Pour into well-greased 1½-quart mold. Cover with double thickness of waxed paper. Steam + (To steam, put about 1 quart water into a large covered pan with a rack in the bottom. Bring water to boil. Place pudding on rack. Cover and reduce heat to simmer) Steam 1 hour and 45 minutes Remove from pan and allow pudding to cool a few minutes before unmolding Serve warm with hard sauce

PEPPERMINT STICK CREAM FILLING

Two cups whipping cream
One-fourth cup confectioners' sugar
One-third cup crushed peppermint stick candy

Whip cream. Gradually add sugar. Fold in crushed candy. Spoon into baked cream puff shell

Makes 10 Cream Puffs.

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That's about it for now, so keep those cards and letters coming Come next week we'll See you again.

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Huge Volumes Of Water Lost In Curing Hay

PROGRESS REPORT No. 50 — Pennsylvania Agriculture Experiment Station The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

Huge volumes of water are removed in curing hay They seem unimpressive and are unnoticed if the hay is allowed to dry out-of-doors in a warm breeze and bright sunshine But the amounts of water which must be carried away in mow drying, a process now common on many farms, is startling to the uninformed.

In a test in 1954 at the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station, 53 tons of chopped alfalfa and clover of 40 per cent moisture content were loaded on a tiered air duct mow drying system In order to reduce the moisture to a safe storage level of 20 per cent, 13 tons of water had to be moved from the mow, according to W L Kjelgaard, P M Anderson, E F Olver and A W Clyde, Station Agricultural Engineers

Similarly, in 1955, after the duct system had been improved, nearly 72 tons of chopped forage having a moisture content of 38 per cent were dried In this operation, nearly 19 tons of water were carried away A complete report of this exerimental work appears in Station Bulletin.

Electrically driven fans were used to raise the air pressure in the ducts and move air through the hay Approximately 45 kwh of electricity per ton of dry hay were used

The improved tierred air duct system provided air channels into all parts of a 20-by-40 foot experimental mow filled with chopped hay to a depth of 15 to 20 feet The quality of the hay cured last summer was very good even in the corners of the mow.

This is the time of year to enjoy nature's fresh fruits and vegetables and grow them.

Tomato Spraying Urged Right Now

Presence of aphids, noted moving into many Lancaster County tomato fields this week, brought a warning from Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat that spraying should begin at once. Also reported were hornworm and potato beetles feeding on young plants

Early blight (alternaria) is less this year, and it is still too early to determine severity of anthracnose which strikes usually when tomatoes reach a diameter of one and one-half inches

Spraying started sometime back in the Washington Boro neighborhood Recommended is two pounds of Ziram (Zerlate) and one pound of 15 per cent Parathion wettable powder to each 100 gallons of water

Danger, Man Working in Trees

And such is the case today, as the cherry harvest gets into full operation throughout Lancaster County's productive orchards Here is one of the thousands who took H L. Shank's advice, near New Danville, to "Pick-Them-Yourself." Hundreds appeared Tuesday morning, and scores more will be on hand before the 1956 produce is completely all. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

USDA Seeking New Site for Animal Disease Research Laboratories

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson June 6 took initial steps toward selection of a site for construction of new facilities for work on animal diseases The action is in accord with suggestions from leaders in both houses of the Congress.

Originally, it was proposed by the Department that such facilities be located at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md, and $18,915,000 was included in appropriation requests for construction purposes Congress, in considering this request generally favored the new facilities, but at a location other than Beltsville

Near Livestock Centers

The suggestion was made that the U S Department of Agriculture — in cooperation with the livestock industry and allied interests — select a site located close to centers of livestock production, near or in conjunction with one of the State Land Grant Colleges having a strong veterinary medical program, and away from concentrated metropolitan centers The Secretary, following these suggestions, invited submission of site proposals and set up procedures to consider them

Notices of interest and preliminary proposals are to be in the hands of the Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service, Washington 25, D C, by Thursday, June 21 This deadline does not, however, preclude consideration of other proposals or presentations directly to the site committee. All proposals and oral presentations will be considered by the site committee at a meeting in St. Louis, Mo, beginning on June 27 at the Statler Hotel, at 9 a.m.

Livestock Industry Leaders

The site committee will consist of leaders in the livestock industry representing beef cattle, swine, dairying, sheep, and poultry, and representatives of the Land Grant Colleges, the veterinary medical profession, State Departments of Agriculture, livestock sanitary officials, and other livestock interests The site committee is to have full freedom of action in making its recommendations but will be guided by certain factors related to the functions and operating economy of the laboratory, as follows

1. Scientific center — near a Land Grant College or University having a veterinary school or a strong animal disease research department, which would provide the advantages of library facilities and opportunity for cooperation and association with other scientific work

2. Human population — near a community that could readily absorb 100-200 new families and having adequate personnel to fill 100-200 nonscientific positions; not close to an industrial, metropolitan strategic area

3. Accessibility — near major railroad and airline connections on a site adjacent to permanent hard-surfaced roads.

4. Land — from 200 to 400 acres is needed.

5. Construction costs — high-cost areas will be avoidel

6. Utilities —

(a) Water 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of potable water per day required.

(b) Sewage Provision for disposition of 150,000 to 200,000 gallons of sterile and treated effluent per day required

(c) Electricity 4,000 to 4,500 kilowatts per hour connected load required.

7 Availability per year of 1,000 each locally produced cattle, swine, sheep

After hearing all proposals presented at St Louis, the site committee will choose from three to five locations for further on-the-ground consideration The members will then visit each of these proposed locations and will review the advantages of each of them. They will present their recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Can Test 25 Simultaneously

The new animal disease facility as planned will include laboratories for research simultaneously on 25 different animal diseases so arranged that there will be no possibility of exposure of animals in one section to any of the diseases on which work may be under way in another section Complete protection for laboratory workers against diseases that may be communicable to humans will be included. Safety measures also will be adopted preventing the escape of disease organisms from the laboratory that might infect livestock herds and flocks or humans In addition to the research, the facility will have space and equipment for testing and diagnostic work required in the livestock disease control and regulatory activities of the Department

The livestock industry and agricultural leaders consider the need for the new laboratory to be urgent as a result of the necessary abandonment of 50-year-old inadequate facilities in Washington on July 1, 1955. This action, on the recommendation of an inspection committee of three widely known research experts on communicable diseases, resulted in the closing down of research on tuberculosis, anthrax, and other diseases of animals that also can affect humans Similar work at Auburn, Ala, and Denver, Colo, also has had to be discontinued because of antiquated and inadequate facilities

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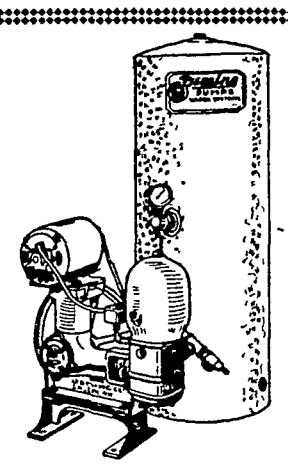

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Plant Growth Accelerated

A rare substance that has caused remarkable acceleration of growth in some plants holds promise as a major growth-regulating chemical, according to scientists of the U. S Department of Agriculture. Gibberellic acid, one form of this chemical, has doubled or tripled plant height in many cases. In this photograph, California Wonder Pepper plants on the left received a treatment of one per cent gibberellic acid in lanolin paste, applied around the stem of each plant, about four weeks before the picture was taken. Untreated plants at right are same age as treated plants. Difference in height between the two pairs of plants is due to growth-stimulating effect of gibberellic acid. (USDA Photo).

New Laws That Affect Farmer Now Activated

HARRISBURG— Activation of the many new laws affecting Pennsylvania farmers and the State Department of Agriculture, passed by the 1955-56 Legislature, is in full swing in the Department, Secretary William L Henning announced today

Topping the long list of acts bringing direct benefits to farmers is 100 per cent rebate of the State tax of six cents per gallon on gasoline used on farms in the production of food, he said The previous refund rate was 50 per cent The new act, now in effect, gives farmers opportunity to apply for full refund of the tax which amounts to $60 on every 1,000 gallons of gasoline used on the farm

New acts are designed to guarantee that farmers receive full value for the fertilizers, livestock and poultry feeds that they buy. The acts establishes a self-sustaining enforcement fund through an assessment of two cents a ton on sales by manufacturers

A start was made on moderization of the general food law when the Joint State Government Commission was directed to make a study and report at the 1957 session of the General Assembly.

The United States Department of Agriculture Crop Reporting Board's wool price report shows that for every dollar's worth of wool a farmer sold in the 1955 marketing year he will receive an additional 44 9 cents in production payments from the Government.

The season average price of 42 8 cents compares with 53 2 for the 1954 season, and 54 9 for 1953, or the present price is the lowest since 1947 The Department will pay 77 cents per 100 pounds of live weight as a subsidy on lambs, a subsidy designed to support wool pulled from carcasses.

Vegetable Production Delayed by Freeze

HARRISBURG — Production of spring and summer vegetables on Pennsylvania commercial truck farms has been delayed two weeks or more and output is expected to be below average in some areas, according to surveys announced by the State Department of Agriculture.

The survey covered asparagus, beans, beets, lettuce, spring spinach and strawberries Cold weather hindered development of each crop Snap beans were especially hard hit and the season has been a poor one, the Department said Planting started about a week late Killing frosts on May 17 and 25 damaged the early acreage

Volume movement of Pennsylvania strawberries started about June 10 The crop is below last year due to the May freeze damage to blossoms.

Spring spinach harvesting reached its peak in late May and continued into June Late spring lettuce harvest was delayed about two weeks

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New Growth Regulator Triples Height of Some Ornamental Plants

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — A rare and little-known substance that has caused remarkable acceleration of growth in a number of plants offers unusual possibilities as a growth-regulating chemical, the U S Department of Agriculture reports

In preliminary greenhouse experiments, gibberellic acid (one form of the chemical) has doubled or tripled the heights of various kinds of plants Only one application of the chemical, in very minute amounts, was made in each case.

In these tests at USDA's Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., gibberellic acid was applied in a lanolin paste mixture externally to the stems of young plants Within three to four weeks following treatment, ornamentals such as geranium, poinsettia, sunflower, rose, salvia, dwarf dahlia, petunia, and aster had grown one-half to three times taller than comparable untreated plants.

Crop Plants Tested

Heights of crop plants such as snapbean, soybean, peanut, pepper, eggplant, corn, and barley were in many cases doubled or tripled by similar application of the chemical. During the early stages of growth, both the weight of fresh soybean and snapbean plants and the amount of solid matter in them were increased by 30 to 40 per cent with gibberellic acid.

In limited tests with several vegetables, including tomatoes, snapbeans, and peppers, applying the chemical directly to the fruit did not affect fruit growth.

New growth of young forest trees such as willow oak, tulip poplar, and maple was greatly increased by treatment with gibberellic acid. However, similar applications to two species of pine and white spruce caused only slight increase in growth of new shoots.

Under greenhouse conditions, gibberellic acid retarded flowering of some ornamental and crop plants, while in others it advanced flowering by one to several weeks.

Only minute amounts of the chemical are needed to produce these effects. As little as one-millionth of an ounce of gibberellic acid in an ounce of water caused plants to grow taller in some of the Beltsville tests. Although all initial applications of the acid were in a lanolin paste mixture, researchers have now switched to using a foliar spray, which is easier to apply

Even though gibberellic acid itself is not new, having been known for some years, its present experimental use as a growth regulator on a wide variety of horticultural, agronomic, and forest-tree species is a relatively new development

The acid was first obtained from a fungus of the genus **Gibberella** that has long been a major disease of rice in Japan, causing excessive elongation of the rice plants and reduced yield When early work on prevention of this disease was carried on in Japan, researchers noticed the characteristic elongation of plant grown in media containing the fungus, and they later isolated from the fungus chemicals responsible for this increased growth not only of rice but of other kinds of plants Studies on its characteristics by scientists at Beltsville were initiated as part of a continuing research program on plant-growth-regulating compounds

Research Preliminary

Physiologists P. C Marth, W. V Audia, and J W. Mitchell of USDA's Agricultural Research Service are conducting the work on gibberellic acid at Beltsville. Their initial success in dramatically increasing plant growth has led them to extend their research to learn whether gibberellic acid can be used in any of the following ways: To stimulate elongation of plants, giving them an advantage over competing growths; to increase the dry weight of certain crops at harvest time (especially forage crops); and to increase the growth of plants that grow slowly but are in great demand, such as pulpwood.

The USDA scientists point out, however, that research on gibberellic acid is still in a preliminary stage, and no immediate practical use for the chemical has yet been worked out.

A major difficulty is the serious shortage of gibberellic acid. Methods for production of the chemical in large amounts have not been developed, and available supplies are in urgent demand because its sudden prominence as a research material. In addition to the work at Beltsville, similar studies of gibberellic acid are currently under way by other researchers in the United States, Japan, and Great Britain.

State Police Teacher Completes FBI Course

HARRISBURG — Sergeant John I Grosnick was graduated from the 12-week course of study at the F B I National Academy, Washington, D C, on June 8, it was announced today by Colonel E J Henry, State Police Commissioner.

Sergeant Grosnick is an instructor in criminal law and procedure, laboratory and police aids, fingerprinting, and other crime detection aids at the State Police Training School Hershey He has been a State Policeman 19 years Prior to enlisting in the Department in 1937, he served six years with the United States Army

He was graduated from Hershey Junior College in 1946, Lebanon Valley College in 1953, and is presently enrolled at Temple University where he is studying for his master's degree in education His formal education was attained during evening classes.

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Milk Price on Farm in May Set at $3.55

NEW YORK — Dr C. J Blanford, Market Administrator of the New York metropolitan milk marketing area, announced today that a uniform price of $3 55 per hundredweight (46 5 quarts) would be paid for milk delivered inn May to 395 plants in the New York milkshed The uniform price in April was also $3 55 per hundredweight; in May, 1955, it was $3 44 per hundredweight.

The producer butterfat differential for the month was announced at six cents for each tenth of a lb of fat above or below the 3 5 per cent standard

Both the production of milk and the consumption of fluid milk in the marketing area — New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester Counties — fell below the comparable figures of last year, Dr. Blanford reported

Receipts from dairymen totaled 868,907,999 pounds, the Administrator said This was a decrease of 48,149,370 pounds, or 5 25 per cent, from last year's production of 917,057,369 pounds. That was a record high for any single month in the history of the orders. The number of producers also dropped. There were 48,208 producers in the New York pool this year, 2,009 fewer than the 50,217 producers who participated in last year's pool. The average production per day per dairy dropped eight pounds from last year's average of 589 pounds to 581 pounds.

Fluid milk consumption in the marketing area was only 0.14 per cent less than last year. Total consumption accounted for 279,864,035 pounds, 400,069 pounds fewer than the 280,264,104 pounds last year.

The farm value of the May milk output was $31,481,819 61, Dr Blanford reported In 1955, the farm value was $32,001,093 72

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Wheat Harvest in Kansas Underway

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Harvesting is now in full swing throughout parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, New Mexico, Nebraska and Colorado Colorado expects the smallest winter wheat crop in 16 years, but Kansas anticipates 140 million bu , compared to 128 million last year.

Milk is being used as a spray for tomato plants to overcome a virus disease known as tomato mosaic No one has decided just how and why spraying with milk works to help knock out the virus. Some believe that the alkaline reaction robs the mosaic of some essential acid food

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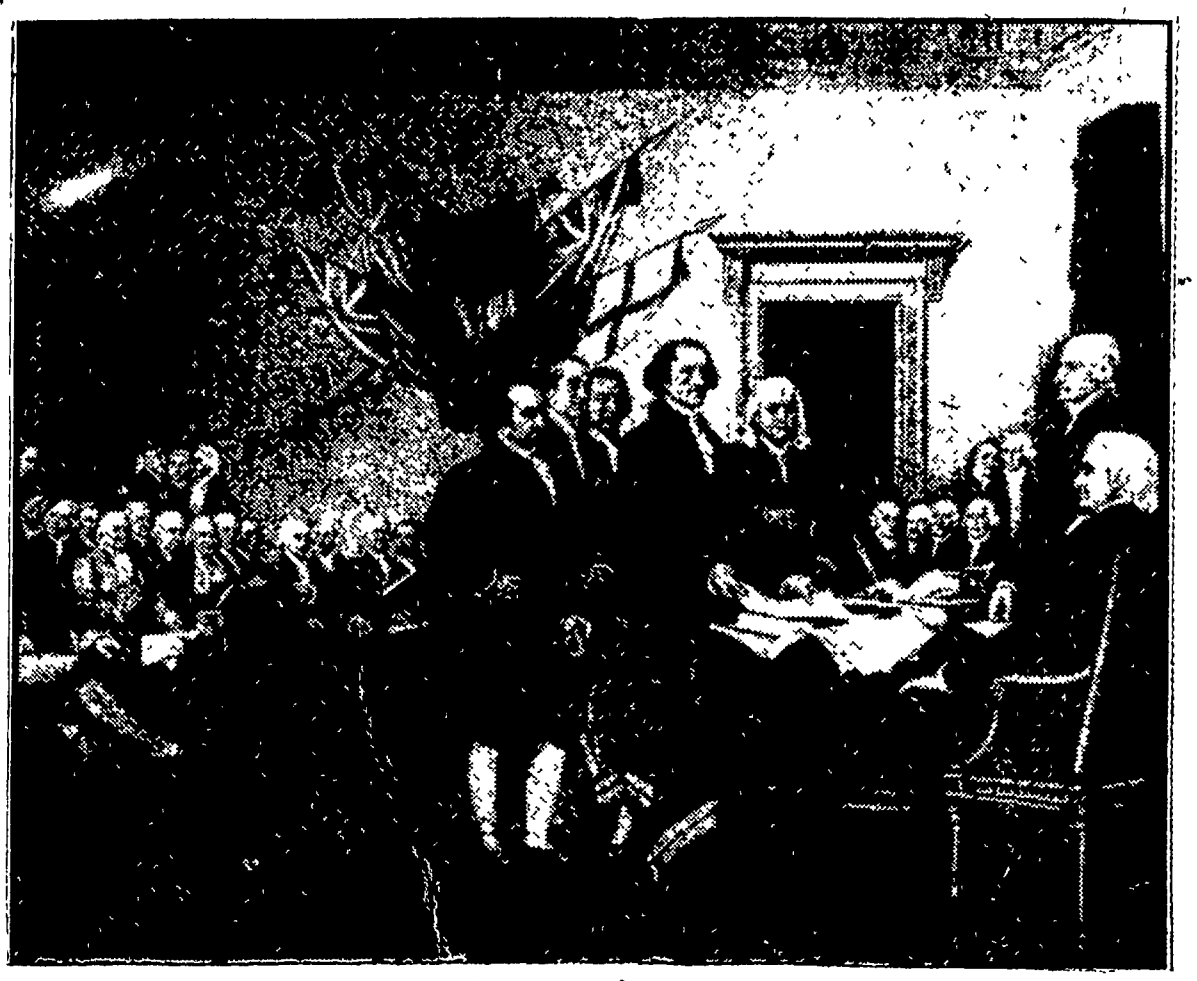

The Fourth of July means a day off from work, and a day spent at the shore or on a tennis court or golf course, a day with family and friends at a picnic, or a day just swinging lazily in a hammock with a glass of lemonade in hand. But the men who, 180 years ago, adopted our Declaration of Independence, worked long and hard for something we now take for granted. That was our independence — our freedom — which, among other things, lets us enjoy our leisure time in any manner we wish. This Independence Day, remember that our freedom must be nurtured, protected, exercised. Sometimes, it's a long, hard job. Always, it's everybody's job.

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A heavy rain storm accompanied by tornado-like winds hit Lancaster city and county July 1, 1931. At Lancaster 18 houses were unroofed on Franklin Street. The contents of several of the dwellings were damaged by falling debris and rain No one was reported hurt. Considerable property damage also was reported at Manheim, where a cloud-burst turned the streets into muddy creeks Heavy rain fell in the southern end of the county but no damage was reported

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Q. A man purchases a property while he is single. Later, he gets married and puts said property in both names. Several years later, he gets divorced. Is the ex-wife still entitled to half ownership in the property? G. M.

A. The husband made a gift to his wife of an undivided one-half interest in the property. This gift is not revoked by the divorce. Although he can now enforce a division of the property, which he could not do while they were married, the husband cannot regain the wife's one-half interest without paying her the fair market price of same, or whatever less she will agree to take.

* * *

Q. The day before Thanksgiving I slipped and fell, breaking my wrist, at a counter in a chain store. The manager took my name and address and said an insurance man would be around and I should go to a doctor. The doctor said he would see that I got my expenses paid. However, so far nobody has come to see me. When I went to the doctor for the third time last Friday, he said he did not think the insurance company would pay anything since it happened in daytime. Could you tell me if this is true? E F

A The time of day that your accident happened should make no material difference in your claim The issues are whether the store or its employees were guilty of any negligence which caused your injury, and whether you may have been contributorily negligent. Contact the store manager about your claim, and if you hear nothing from him or the store's insurance company, it is suggested you consult an attorney who would advise you how to proceed further.

* * *

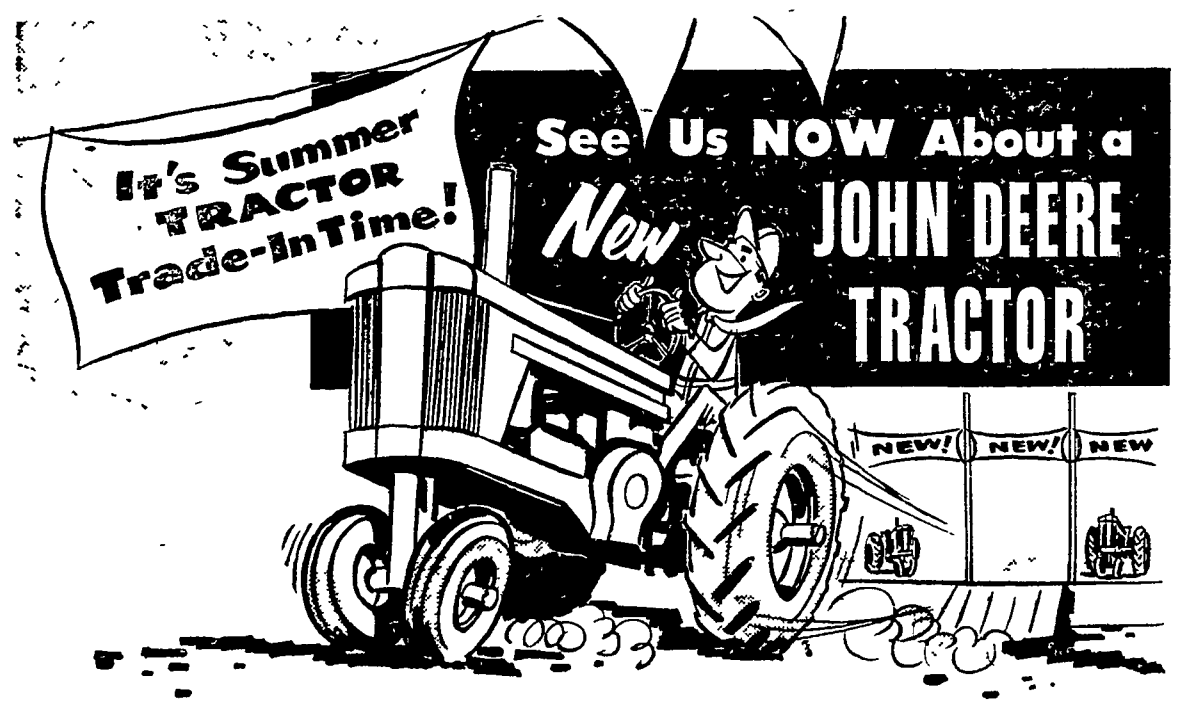
Q My wife left me in October, 1954 She took practically all the furniture and moved to an apartment in another town. She has been working since she left me and never claimed any support from me She had a baby three weeks ago and is not working at the present I do not claim the baby is not mine. Do I have to support her and the baby or just the baby alone? G S.

A You are presumed to be the father of your wife's child because you are still legally married You are responsible for the support of your wife and child unless you can convince the court that your wife's desertion gives you valid ground for divorce, which would thus be a good defense to her claim for support Even if you were successful with this defense you would nevertheless be responsible for the support of the child.

MIDWEST WEATHER

Hot days and night showers —good corn growing weather— gave midwestern crops a boost last week. Iowa pastures were reported very dry, furnishing little forage Illinois grains and grasses were slow, with half of the crop reports showing deficient soil moisture.

The reason that hard work kills so few people is because there is so few people that work hard. 1955.



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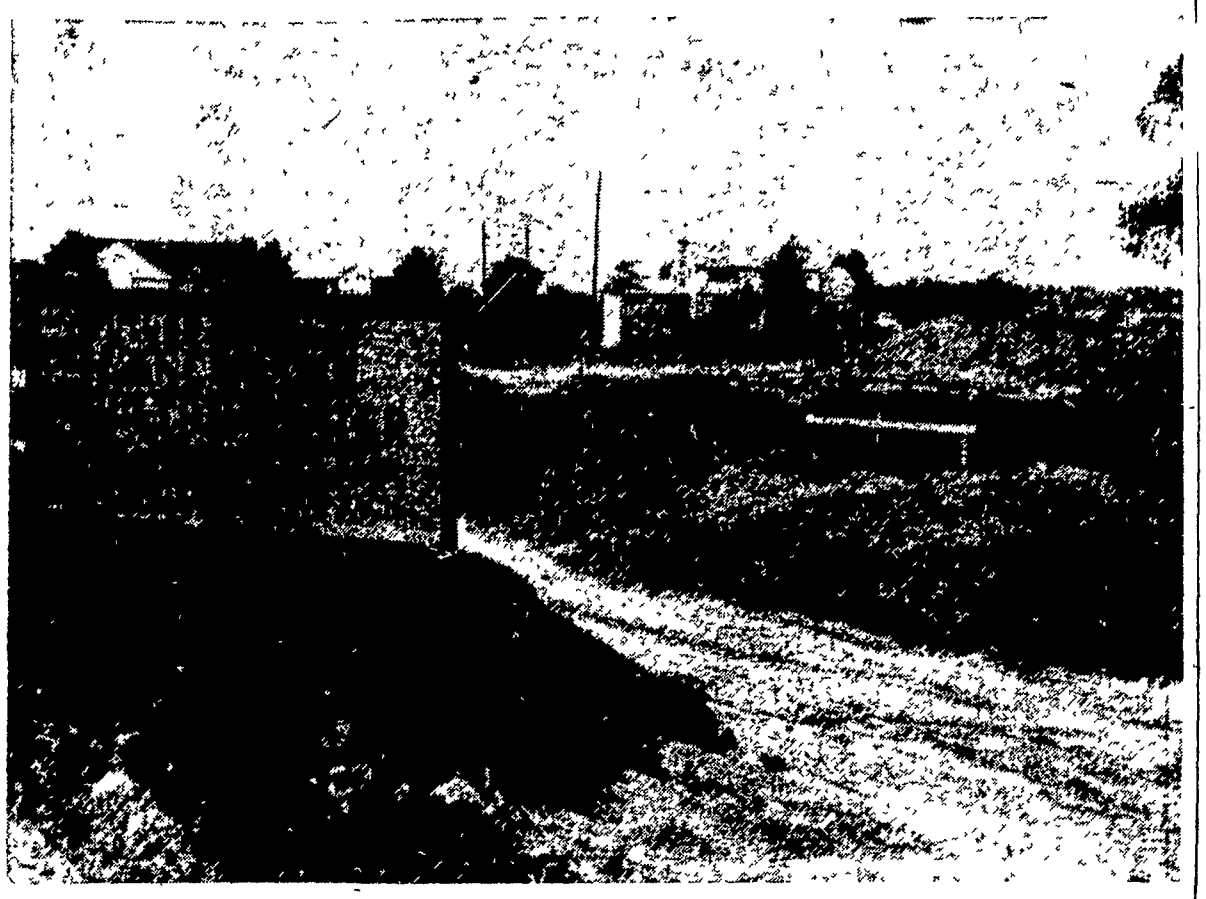

At the intersection of Bypass 230 and Roseville Road north of Lancaster, work is well underway at — as the sign indicates — the future home of Lancaster Poultry Center. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Local Guernsey Cows Recording Official Records

Registered Guernsey cows owned by Lancaster and Chester County dairy-men have completed official production records, the American Guernsey Cattle Club at Peterborough, N. H. reports Official production records were supervised by the Pennsylvania State University.

Willow Bends Nora, owned by John A. Breneman, Willow Street, 11,215 lbs of milk and 553 lbs of fat

This production, made in the AGCC's Herd Improvement Registry, is equal to 5300 quarts of high-quality milk.

"Nora" was a junior three year-old, met calving requirements, and was milked two times daily for 305 days while on test.

Kimberton Dancers Theona, owned by H A. W. Myrin, Phoenixville, has completed an official production record of 9,784 lbs of milk and 575 lbs of fat, equal to 4650 quarts of high-quality milk.

"Theona" was a junior four year-old, and was milked two times daily for 365 days while on test.

Applebrook Peers Glow, a junior two year-old produced 8,044 lbs of milk and 433 lbs of fat in 305 days. She was milked three times daily. This represents approximately 3950 quarts of high-quality milk.

Bollingers Reserve Locust Trail Name

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Farm Calendar

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JUNE

June 22-23 — Short Course, Rabbit Industry, the Pennsylvania State University

JULY

July 4-8—7th Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, Kutztown.

July 7—Farm Women's Society No. 6, auction at home of Mr and Mrs. Ray Hixson, 401 Snyder Ave, Elizabethtown.

July 12 — Society of Farm Women No. 20 meeting, home of Mrs. Park Reinhart, Kirkwood RD, 2 P. M.

July 16-20—Short Course, Improving Home Grounds, the Pennsylvania State University.

AUGUST

Aug. 15-17 — Butler Farm Show.

Aug. 18-19—Intercourse Summer Jubilee.

Aug. 18 and 19—Intercourse Summer Jubilee.

Aug. 20-23—11th Annual National Flying Farmers Association Convention New Orleans.

Aug. 20-25—Kutztown Fair.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 11-15—York Inter-State Fair.

Sept. 19-21 — Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, Quarryville

Sept. 26-29—Ephrata Farmers Day.

Sept. 26-28—West Lampeter Community Fair.

Sept. 30—Deadline to file for return of state taxes paid on farm tractor or farm machinery gasoline for year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

Sept. 28-Oct. 6 — National Holstein Show, Waterloo, Iowa.

OCTOBER

Oct. 2-5—South Lebanon Community Fair, Iona.

Oct. 3-6—New Holland Farmers Fair.

Oct. 4-6—Manheim Community Fair.

Oct. 4-6—Unionville Community Fair.

Oct. 10-13—Mt. Joy Community Exhibit.

Oct. 18-20 — Dillsburg Community Fair

NOVEMBER

Nov 3 County Convention, Lancaster County Farm Women's Societies

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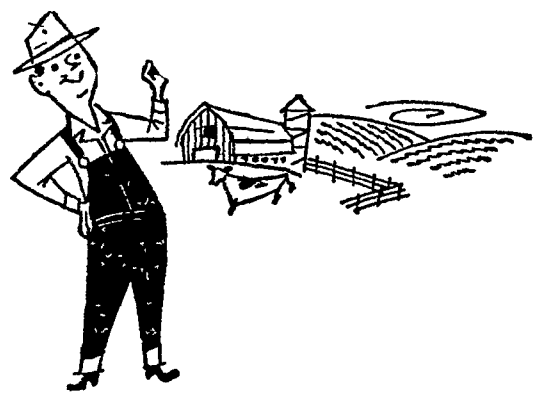
LEHMAN HORSE SHOW

Lehman Township Volunteer Firemen will stage their 17th annual Horse Show at Lehman on July 4, starting at 9:30 a. m. This 21-class show has gained approval of horsemen throughout the Commonwealth and attracts those interested from a



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Green Pea Harvest Now In Full Swing

HARRISBURG — Harvesting of green peas for canning and freezing has started on Pennsylvania farms in the southern counties of Pennsylvania, according to the State Department of Agriculture

Federal-State inspectors are located at each viinery in the area to grade the peas for quality and tenderness.

Preliminary estimates show that Pennsylvania farmers this year are growing processing peas on 14,000 acres, an increase of six per cent over last year, but slightly under the 10-year average

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Production of Chicks up 26 During Month

HARRISBURG — An increase of 26 per cent in the number of chicks turned out by commercial hatcheries in Pennsylvania during May, compared with the same month last year, was announced today by the State Department of Agriculture

About half of the May hatch of 10,057,000 chicks went to the increasing broiler-fryer trade, according to Federal-State surveys Demand for broiler chicks continues at high levels with May hatchings up 37 per cent from a year ago, the survey showed.

None-broiler hatching for the month totaled 5,181,000, up 17 per cent from the year before.

Total Pennsylvania chick production for January through May at nearly 54 million compares with 46 million for the same period last year, an increase of 16 per cent

Eggs in incubators in the Middle Atlantic States on June were 36 per cent above June 1, 1955,

New Experiment Station

Now developing is the Pennsylvania State University Experiment Station at Landisville. On the right is the residence, which will be converted into offices, and on the left, the barn which now houses much equipment to be used in the new station. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

To the left is the barn on the Landisville experimental station, which, July 1, goes under control of the Pennsylvania State University, and, on right, the residence, which will be converted to offices for the station staff. Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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June 22—Peach Alley, Elizabethtown. Household goods and other things. 6:30 p. m.

June 23—Irwin G. Brandt Estate, 43-432 E. High St., Elizabethtown, real estate, 2 p. m.

June 23—Mrs. Jacob E. Fenstermacher, 357 East Main, St., Lititz, household goods, 12.30 p. m.

June 23 — Mrs. Grace Moore, 244 West Main, New Holland, household goods, 12:30 p. m.

June 26—Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Ass'n., Meadville, Pa., dispersal of purebred, blood-tested, accredited, some vaccinated Guernseys.

June 29 — James L and Oleana M Harrisgton, Penn Twp., s.e. of Kauffman's Park, real estate, 7 p. m. DST.

June 30 — Halle M Swar, 120 S. Charlotte St., Manheim, personal property, 1 p m. DST.

June 30 — Margaret E. McCardle Estate, off Rt 272 at Summer Hill, Little Britain Twp, real estate and personal property, 1 p. m.

June 30 — Frank Colten, Union, Colerain Twp, real estate, personal property, household goods, 11 a. m.

June 30 — Ray Ober, 100 N. Custer Ave., New Holland, real estate, 2 p. m.

June 30 — Edward O'Neal & Sons, 2 miles south of Palmyra, Lebanon Co, 40 registered Canadian Holstein Cows and Heifers 11 p. m. Chartered bus leaves White Horse at 11 a. m.

Deer Don't Go for Sugar-Free Diet Fad

HARRISBURG — Game Protectors now know that deer don't go for a sugar-free diet.

Officer Donald M. Schake, Clarion County, called this spring on John Gammon, a man living in his district, where he learned that

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July 7th — Florence M. Neff, 600 Hodgson St., Oxford, real estate, 1.30 p. m.

July 7 — Intercourse Community Sale, starting at 11 a. m. Household Goods; Farm Implements. Mennonite carriage, locust posts

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County's Milk Income in 1955 At $23 Million

HARRISBURG — Lancaster's cow population stepped forward again during 1955 as a major wage-earner Lancaster County's income from milk was $23,069,347 during the year according to figures released by the Pennsylvania June Dairy Month Committee and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Crop Reporting & Research.

N E Sampson, chairman for the Pennsylvania JDM Committee, in releasing the figures said, "Because our state is so industrialized, with steel and other industries gaining much more public recognition, few Pennsylvanians realize the Commonwealth ranks in the top three as a milk consuming state and among the top five as a milk producing state in the nation."

61,000 Cows Milked

Sampson pointed out that in Lancaster County alone over 61,000 cows were milked daily during 1955, producing a record 405,040,000 lbs of quality milk. Another estimated $4,923,547 was paid to dairy plant employees. The milk production provided Lancaster dairy farmers with a $18,145,800 farm cash income, more than any other single farm crop.

During 1955 over 45,000 dairy farmers in Pennsylvania milked an average 940,000 cows for a total milk production in excess of 6,364,000,000 lbs, and valued at $287 million

Milk production annually reaches its peak late in May and early in June For this reason 13 national organizations, with the American Dairy Association in Chicago acting as national headquarters, band together to promote June Dairy Month, as a sales stimulus designed to increase consumption of dairy products during peak production.

In Pennsylvania the State June Dairy Month Committee numbers nearly every organization dealing in some manner with milk, and milk products Each year an honorary chairman is selected. J. Collins McSparran, secretary, Pennsylvania State Grange headed the 1955 program

Sampson, president, Dairymens Cooperative Sales Association, from Volant, Pa, is himself a dairy farmer The Sampson farm, located in Lawrence County has been in the family for over 140 years. Besides serving as president of DCSA he has been a director for the past 15 years He is also a director of the national Milk Producers Federation, vice-president, Atlantic Division, American Dairy Association, vice-president, Pittsburgh Dairy Council and a member of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations

Other Committee Members

Other members of Sampson's 1956 JDM Committee are: Dr William L Henning, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg; Frank Bushek, manager, Atlantic Dairy Association, Philadelphia, Joseph O Canby, president, Pennsylvania Dairymens Association, Langhorne, George Diffenback, director of public relations, Abbotts Dairies Inc, Philadelphia; Paul Richards, head, Bureau of Milk Sanitation, Harrisburg; Clarence Funk, farm director, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative, Harrisburg, Henry R Geisinger, executive vice-president, Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, Harrisburg,

Howard F Hartman, president, Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, Harrisburg, Dean Lyman E Jackson, Pennsylvania State University, College Park, Joab K Mahood, chairman, Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission, Harrisburg, Lloyal D Odhner, executive director Pennsylvania Chain Store Council, Philadelphia, William A. Hubbs, executive secretary, Pennsylvania Grocers Association, Philadelphia, J Collins McSparran, Pennsylvania State Grange, Harrisburg, William H List, executive president, Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers of Pennsylvania, Delaware & New Jersey, New York, and Charles R. DeHaven, director of public relations, Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers and secretary, Pennsylvania June Dairy Month

Wallenpaupack Dam Area Closed Again

The area of Lake Wallenpaupack within 750 feet of the dam, which The Pennsylvania Fish Commission has designated as nnursery waters, will be closed to recreational activity again this year, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company announced today.

Boating, fishing, swimming and other forms of recreation are not allowed in this restricted area Red flags mounted on buoys separate the nursery waters from the recreational area of the 13-mile lake.

Basement, Poultry Center

Original forms that were laid out for groundbreaking many weeks ago still stand, marking one corner of the basement of the new Lancaster Poultry Center. This picture, taken Tuesday, shows progress to date. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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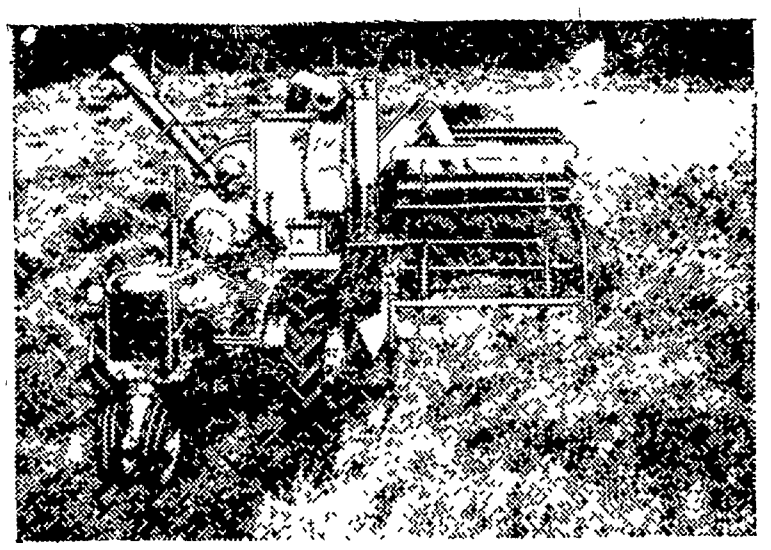

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Haying Near Rheems

One of the most demanding items of farm work at the moment in Lancaster County is haymaking. Here, near Rheems, neat windrows follow in the process that began with the tractor mower in the background Haybalers, or hayloaders, follow through for one of the top jobs these hot summer afternoons. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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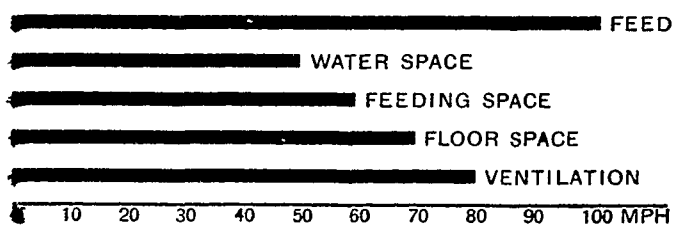

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Meat Production Gains Considerably

Meat production in June is running considerably above the corresponding month last year, with increases shown in everything but lamb and mutton Pork should the greatest gains

In the first two weeks of June, inspected packers at major market terminals butchered a total of 651,248 cattle, up three per cent from the period last year For hogs, 1,762,972 were slaughtered, up 24 per cent, and sheep and lambs totaled 470,654, somewhat under the 501,609 for the same period a year ago

DRAFT CALL 1,021

During August, 1,021 Pennsylvania men will be subject to draft call, the State Selective Service headquarters advises The national August call is 13,000 men for the Army All must be at least 22 years old.

Grazing Late in All Parts of Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG — In preparation for the June Dairy Month increase in consumption of milk, cows on Pennsylvania dairy farms produced 668 million lbs of milk during May, establishing a new all-time record for that month, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

The previous high record, set in May of last year, was 655 million lbs . This year there are 4,000 more cows on dairy farms and they are averaging higher output per animal, the Department said.

Milk Cow Total 944,000

The Federal-State Crop Reporting Service estimated the number of milk cows for May was 944,000 head; unchanged from a month earlier. A year ago cow numbers totaled 940,000 Milk production for this May was 2 per cent above May last year and showed a normal seasonal increase over April.

The Department anticipates that milk output for June will continue heavy but the volume may be less than for May.

Late arrival of spring weather delayed development of pastures in the northern counties of Pennsylvania The effect of these short pastures was more than offset by the trend to higher production, the survey showed.

All Grazing Delayed

Grazing of cattle was delayed in all areas of the State. Some rationing of grass occurred and in a few instances cattle were still on full winter feed on June 1, date of the production survey.

Milk production for January through May this year totals 2 billion, 878 million lbs or 4 per cent above the 2 billion, 761 million pounds for January-May last year.

Last month was the coldest May in years with some localities reporting the latest killing frosts ever known. On the 25th the third widespread killing frost caused much damage to fruit and truck crops Some corn was damaged and considerable legume hay was nipped

Standard on Cherry Grades Might Change

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced proposed amendments to USDA grade standards for canned sweet cherries. Current standards have been in effect since May 15, 1953.

Proposed amendments would change slightly the interpretations for certain defects. The categories of slightly damaged, damaged, and seriously damaged cherries would be redefined; and a change in tolerance from 3 per cent to 4 per cent seriously damaged cherries would be permitted in U. S Grade B or U. S Choice.

Comments on the proposed amendments must be filed not nater than December 31, 1956, with F L. Southerland, Chief, Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

Streets of Harpers Ferry Silent Today

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Did you ever drive the streets of a deserted town? A town where there were no pedestrians? Where dusk was shrouding empty buildings?

All one can do is shake his head in wonderment, pondering what has happened, what is coming next. Hard it is to believe that here John Brown, famed abolitionist, with 13 white and five Negro men seized the Federal arsenal of Harper's Ferry, Va. on Oct. 16, 1859. Fourteen of his men there were killed. Five citizens were also killed.

Buildings Being Restored

Some time later, John Brown was taken by the U S Marines under Capt. Robert E Lee, and the captured man was hanged Dec 2 at Charles Town, Va. And for that reason, lines from the song remain more clear.

John Brown's body lies
A mouldering in the grave.

Today some buildings are in a magnificent state of repair, some are being reconstructed, others being salvaged in this scenic spot which makes an excellent, scenic weekend drive from Lancaster County.

Here the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers meet, to flow on as the Potomac. On a high bluff, which Thomas Jefferson said offered the best view on this side of the Atlantic, ancient gravestones re-tell some of the city's history.

Buildings Stand Silent

Today the Arsenal which John Brown and his co-horts raided stands in good state. Stone steps lead ever upward to the home of Mr. Harper who operated the ferry. But the buildings are silent, silent as pre-dawn. On windows of each is a sticker from the National Park Service that the building is the property of the United States Government, not to be defaced

Steep streets lead upward from the right angled-turn where the main street follows the river bank. Leading back, at ever increasing heights, are other streets that pass houses clinging to the edge of the cliff. But each comes to a dead end, and, unless you choose to tumble down the rocky hillside, you must return to the one street that leads back down town.

In a 300-mile swing, from Lancaster to York, Gettysburg, Fort Loudon over Tuscarora to McConnellsburg, varying needs of rain were observed. But before the evening ended in Maryland, a rainstorm, equally violent to one that struck Lancaster County Saturday night, thoroughly drenched the Frederick to Baltimore area.

Good Sized Sheep Flocks

Berkeley Springs remains one of the favorite spots on this tour, and comparisons in farming cannot be avoided. A preponderence of livestock is evident in passing through parts of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland, and good sized flocks of sheep were seen on several farms Herds of well-bred cattle, occasional horse farms, and once in a while farms that seemed they could produce naught but a crop of rocks, highlighted the journey.

There's much of interest on a trip like this, one of several that can be made in a comparatively few hours from Lancaster County

Damage estimated at $400 was caused to the automobile of William Lindsay, R2 Smyrna, Del., when it struck a steer eight miles south of Lancaster on Route 72 early Saturday morning.

State Police were seeking the owner of the steer.